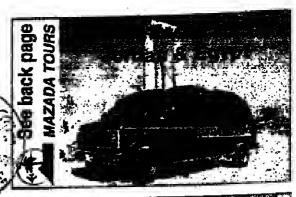


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# Peres loses Labor presidency bid

### Barak calls vote 'democratic decision'

By SARAH HONIG

The Labor Party convention last night overwhelmingly voted to keep off its agenda the proposal to appoint outgoing leader Shimon Peres to the new position of party

The vote was a victory for leadership frontrunner MK Ehud Barak and a humiliating blow to Peres. The results of the secret ballot were 1,403-856 against Peres.

#### Convention of ill will, Page 3

Barak pledged to raise the issue again at the convention's sitting in September. Peres said prior to the vote that he would not be a eandidate for the post at a later date.

By September, Barak could be party ehairman and would then be able to define the presidency so the president would constitute little more than a figurehead.

Barak sought to appear magnanimous last night and spoke of "a democratic decision."

We will lead the party after the June primarics and will work to achieve unity. We will lean on Peres's experience and greatness to win the next elections and to win the peace." he said.

Barak said there is "no reason for a split in the party. Peres will not join the Netanyahu govern-ment on his own. This is a wild speculation. Peres will not launch vendentas and Peres doesn't need

is too big for all that."

Peres put his best face forward, insisting that "failure is not when one does not achieve a majority. but when he doesn't fight for what he believes. Nothing terrible happened today. It's all quite unimportant. What is important is the split in the nation and the rightreligious coalition."

Peres said that friends had sug-gested the ritle of president. "It wasn't my initiative, but when friends worked so hard. I couldn't tell them it was for nothing, I couldn't let them down. The title isn't important and I didn't seek it."

At the same time, Peres said that "no one can send me home. No one can tell me to go. I will do what I think I need to do and what I think is right, and I need no one's permission for that, I need no formal mandate. I am a free man in good enough health to continue working very hard every day, and I expect to go on doing just that. I will now take the time to think what I will do next."

Concerned Barak supporters interpreted these statements as signifying Peres had not accepted the outcome and had not made a decision to step down.

Sources close to Barak said Peres's statements reflected closely what David Ben-Gurion said in 1965, shortly before defecting from Mapai. Some in Barak's entourage said Peres might split the party if he can get a third of the Knesset faction to follow him or he may join the Netanyahu govhis own, as part declared quest for peace.

"I don't feel personally hurt. titles. He is a giant in our time. He This is not a personal question. I



Labor Party leadership candidate Ehud Barak (left), Knesset faction head Ra'anan Cohen, and chairman Shimon Peres talk with a (Ronen Engel/Ismel Sun) reporter at the party convention in Tel Aviv yesterday.

feel the time has been running out for peace ever since the Rabin assassination and I want to impart the urgency for the cause of

MK Dalia Itzik, a Peres ally who supports Barak in the primary, said yesterday was "a said day. The

party told Peres that it doesn't itself yesterday." want him any more. They told him he is free of all commitments and of the feners which bind him to

Another Peres supponer, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg. charged that "Labor beheaded

MK Yossi Beilin, who is running

against Barak in the primary, said that "the best way for Labor memfor me in the primary. I will invite

Peres to be president if I win." This whole display of power on Barak's part was superfluous and

problematic," he added.

Another leadership candidate, Ephraim Sneh, also said "it was all the sides accepted my mediation proposals, all this could have been

### Barak still needs Peres

By SARAH HONIG

Outgoing Labor leader Shimon Peres yesterday rhetorically challenged the party's convention delegates to tell him if he is a loser. Their vote a few hours later constituted their answer...

The delegates mercilessly ended the two-decade Peres era and nnofficially crowned MK Ehud Barak as the party's new chief.

The drama was by no means a radical departure from timebonored Labor tradition. It bas all happened before and it has happened to leaders with an even greater claim to greatness

Such is the natural cycle in Labor. When the center of power is perceived to sbift, even the mightiest party boss or national icon cannot escape rejection.

David Ben-Gurion is a case in point. His rule was close to shake, he was left with few allies. Peres should have kept this in mind, especially as he had a hand in many of those past events since his days on the rise not only to national leadership but to the control of the party machine for two

decades. Even when the late Yitzhak Rabin narrowly wrested the leadership from him, Peres continued to control the party machinery. All that did him no good when their basic political survival instinct told the delegates that Peres is no longer a viable bet.

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The stinging loss at Barak's hand was something he could have avoided had he followed the example of his Likud counterpart, Yitzhak Shamir, who stepped down gracefully, without any

prodding.

But when Peres announced last fail that he would not run again, it rang like a forced concession and he soon displayed his intention to hold on to the party leadership.

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### Jordan envoy resigns after 4 days

#### By DAVID RUDGE

Foreign Minister David Levy was optimistic yesterday that he would persuade Ambassador to Jordan Oded From to rescind his decision to resign - after just four days on the job.

Eran, who submitted his resignation to the Foreign Ministry on Sunday, decided to step down because he was not informed about last Thursday's visit to Akaba by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for talks with King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan. Eran left the embassy in Jordan and was reported to be attending an economics conference in Brussels.

He was not available for comment. The Foreign Ministry, however, confirmed that he had resigned. although Director-General Eitan Bentsur expressed the hope that

Eran would reconsider.

The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement saying Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Minister Mordechai had been informed in advance of the prime minister's secret visit to try and resolve outstanding water issues which.



Netanyahu said, created a "mini-crise," in Israel-Jordan relations.

The statement implied that Levy. having been told of the visit, was responsible for informing Foreign Ministry staff, in particular the embassy in Jordan.

Levy met with Netanyahu yesterday afternoon to discuss the issue, which was cited by senior Foreign Minister staff as an exam-ple of lack of coordination between the ministry and the Prime Minister's Office.

Foreign Ministry officials have complained that they have been kept. out of the circle of decream makers on important issues, including the peace process.

Former ambassador to Jordan Shimon Shamir said in an interview with The Jerusalem Paralism week that since the formation of the Netanyahu government, therehave been "too many as set of ma-understanding, insufficient coordination, use of improvised and irregular ehannels, and leaks about secret meetings, all of which have

eroded the effectiveness of the political dialogue." Shamir said yestericy it was onmanly because of these irregular-ties and learning of thesting, from the media after they had taken place that he had not sought an extension of his term.

"Unfortunately such improvents fand) kick of inomimator close. embarresment to the whole of the issuels governmentallly rains and an emission of the credibility of the govemment as well as a deterioration of the image of the Israeli political system," Shamir said. "This is an instrumental problem which mevitably has a detrimental effect in relations [between Israel and

Jordan) on substantive issues." There was no lack of coordinaion, however, between Levy and Neumyahu, with the former family apporting the prime minister's stance that the secret meeting had been necessary to resolve the dispute over the water issue.

Levy and after the meeting that Netanyahu informed him of the Akaba meeting only an hour before it took place and that he was asked to keep it worth.

"There are occasions, in the midst of a orisis, which require the intervention of the prime minister." he said.

He spressed it was an extraordinary incident, but one which could and did happen in diplomatic and political life. He maintained that there was no musen for Eran to resign, because the Fereign Mouses adheres to the principle that diplomate relations be handled.

### Bar-On petitions in High Court today

#### By BATSHEVA TSUR

Affait.

Five justices will sit on the

Should the court decide to over-

Rubinstein decided, in his report

that Shas MK Aryeh Deri should

Sunday to the court, the State Atterney's Office said it will defend its position that neither Neumyahu nor Haneebt should be prosecuted, since there is a lack of prima facie evidence that they were involved in a crime.

Government, and several private

in the petitions are requests that the court order indictments against Netanyahu and Hanegbi and for the latter to be removed from his resilien. Another petition calls for the suspension of Lieberman until a decision is made about him. There are also petitions calling for the publication of the report by the

### police investigative team and for the establishment of a public com-

mission of inquiry into the entire

affair, as well as a petition request-

ing that no charges he brought

Hundreds of Shas supporters

demonstrated outside the Supreme

Court building yesterday evening.

There were more demonstrators

than the police had allowed, and

against Deri

Irim adds:

The High Court of Justice will convene today to consider nine petitions relating to the Bar-On

canel, which will be headed by Deputy President Shlomo Levine. President Aharon Barak disqualified himself since he gave evidence to the police team which investigated the affair.

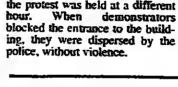
rule Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's decisions not to indict Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu or Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, it could throw the political system into chaos.

published just before Pessah, that neither would be indicted on charges of creach of trust or fraud, although their behavior was found wanting in terms of good government. At the same time, the report said

be indicted for trying to appoint an attorney-general who would help him in his engoing criminal trial. Police and the prosecution are still examining evidence with regard to Avieter Lieberman, director-genemi of the Prime Minister's Office. In its responses presented

Petitions were submitted to the sourt by Meretz, Labor MK Ophir Pines, the Movement for Quality

Among the central issues raised



The Jewish Agency for Israel Department of Immigration and Absorption Open Line on

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Detailed information will be provided on programs for apprentices, students, NA'ALE, CHALOM, SELAH and other educational and vocational training programs for new immigrant youth in English, French, Spanish and Russian.



### Kasparov found Deep Blue all too human

#### By URIEL HEILMAN

Forced to choose between a move offering strategic gain or one that would inflict psychological damage upon its opponent. IBM's Deep Blue computer opted for the latter on its way to victory in Sunday's match against world champion Garry Kasparov. according to Shay Bushinsky, a Tei Aviv computer programmer who created a chess program similar to Deep Blue.

Kasparov will be arriving in



Israel next week in connection—talleffect on its mortal concreation with his involvement in the Chess. Academy he helped found in

Ramat Aviv. Kasparov, thrown off by the machine's uncharacteristically human behavior, lost the match that C.J. Tan. head of the Deep Blue team, told the Associated Press symbolized "the beginning

of the information Age." Kasparov's friend Michael Khodarkovski told AP this was the first time Kasparov ever lost a

chess match. After losing the second game, a Kasparos called whose program Bushinsky "Junior" fied with Deep Blue for third place in a recent computer. competition, to ask him if Junior would have made the same choice. in anticipation of the move's mimBushinsky said Kaliparty wat surprised by the Trumure-live allculation" the contractor make m determinant in move.

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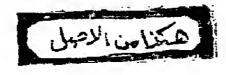
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rud en advantage mer him sind District Temps Kalparov was not nuntally prepared for the game." he suggested, insisting that Knyarock defeat had more to do is the his mental state than his

After his look a visibly trustrat-22 Kasparov told reporter, the game "obviously has a psycholog-12) effect. I am a human being."



### **NEWS**

in brief

#### Yekutieli threatens Bar-llan closure petition

In response to a Channel 1 report yesterday that Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy plans to partially close Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan on Shabbat, Meretz city councilman Oman Yekutieli said he will petition the High Court against the closure. He said that Levy and the haredim are turning Jerusalem into Iran and that they are creating a capital that does not represent the state.

#### 3 officers acquitted in electrocution deaths

A court-martial yesterday acquitted a colonel, a lieutenantcolonel, and a captain of negligence in the electrocution of soldiers Eran Hudeida and Avikam Hoffman in July 1994 in south Lebanon. The two soldiers were riding in an armored personnel carrier when Hoffman was hit by a hanging high-voltage cable and Hudeida tried to help him. The judge suggested the accident was caused by poor visibility that could not have been prevented by taking all standing security precautions. The three, bowever, were convicted of negligence in the line of duty.

#### Lintzer files brief in libel suit

Attorney Shmuel Lintzer yesterday filed in Jerusalem District Court his defense brief in the libel suit against him by Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi and attorney Dan Avi-Yitzhak. Lintzer had given an interview suggesting that the two had conspired to have Avi-Yirzhak named attorney-general. Lintzer said the suit should be dismissed because it was filed in bad faith, as part of an effort to "close mouths" and keep the facts from coming out.

#### Baby killed in house fire

An 18-month-old boy was killed when an apartment in Ashkelon caught fire yesterday evening. His two brothers were injured, one seriously and one moderately, from smoke inhalation and were taken to Barzilai Hospital. The boys' mother had left them alone at home, and the fire apparently started as a result of the older two playing with matches in their bedroom. They managed to flee to the living room, leaving their baby

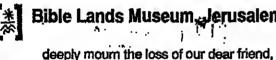
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Family and friends

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Adrian, Daniel, Ilana Ludwin Her great-grandchildren, Daniela, Alona Yarchi Tomer Shapiro

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### Eitan: **Probe** Raviv

Likud faction and coalition chairman Michael Eitan is demanding that State Attorney Edna Arbel order an investigation into the activities of Avishai Raviv, who was employed by the General Security Service and apparently acted as an agent provo-cateur in the period leading up to the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

In a press conference at the Knesset yesterday, Eitan presented the swom statement of an unnamed person which had been forwarded to the state attorney some six weeks ago. The statement describes the way Raviv incited attacks on Arabs in Hebron and whipped up anti-Rabin sentiment at rallies and demonstrations around the country.

According to Eitan, the police investigation into Raviv ended because of orders from above. Eitan stopped short of placing the blame on anybody within the security, police or political establishment.

"It is shocking that Raviv is free to wander among us despite the reasons to suspect he was responsible for more threats, acts of violence and incitement of a poliocal nature than any other person in the history of the state. There is also good reason to suspect he systematically incited for the murder of Rabin," Eitan said.

Eitan said he has been investigating the subject for several months but called the press conference because of the screening on Channel 2 last night of The Road to Rabin Square, a film on the incitement which led up to the murder. Eitan said the documentary did not mention Raviv and his role at all.

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#### Ya'alon says terror threat persists

By LIAT COLLINS

There is still no real cooperation between the Palestinian and Israeli security services and the threat of terror attacks still exists, OC ... Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said Ya'alon did not deny reports that the US is trying to reach a formula under which the Palestinians will cooperate with Israel and act to prevent terror in return for Israel refraining from unilateral moves on matters such as settlements.

According to an official briefing, Ya'alon said that both the Syrians and the Palestinians are waiting to see what happens in Israel's domestic politics. Meanwhile, Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat is improving his standing in the international community, particularly in Europe, he noted.
Ya'alon said there "are no signs

on the ground of cooperation" between the General Security Service and the Palestinian Preventive Security Service.

There is no intense activity against the terror infrastructure. There is an atmosphere in the field of [possible] terror attacks," he added. Ya alon said the Islamic rejectionist groups feel the time is ripe for attacks to be resumed, but he added that there are no concrete warnings of specific attacks.

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#### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-lish-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA. King David Street. A foreign corre-spondern will speak on current events.

ARRIVALS

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By LIAT COLLINS



US mediator Dennis Ross (left) shakes hands with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv dur-

### PA okays US-mediated meeting

By JON IMMANUEL

The Palestinians are to participate today in three-way talks mediated by US envoy Dennis Ross to get the peace process back on track, but will insist on a freeze of building on the Har Homa project before resuming direct talks with Israel.

During a break in a marathon meeting in Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's office last night in Gaza, his advisor Nabil Abu Rudeineh said, "We agreed to Ross's proposed meeting, to talk about the crisis [in relations with IsraeL]" It will be the first ome the two

sides meet to talk about political issues since March, though there have been some security meetings with US participation.

"It is just a meeting, not a resumption of talks. The Americans have some ideas, but less than an initiative. We are looking for a freeze to building on Jabal Abu Ghneim (Har Homa]," Abu Rodeineh said. Without that and without a

change in the 2 percent redeployment from area C there can be no talks," be said. Arafat met late last night in his

office with members of his negotiating team, who were divided over whether to meet with Israeli negotiators today in a further US mediated attempt to restart the peace talks. Planning Minister Nabil

Shaath will probably head the delegation because overall chief negotiator Mahmoud Abbas resigned when the crisis began two months ago, and his deputy Yasser Abed-Rabbo is abroad. The meeting will probably be at

Martin Indyk. The PA suspended bilateral political talks after construccion began on the Har Homa project in March. Since then, Arafat has demanded an end to settlement building as a condition for the talks' resumption.

the home of US Ambassador

Israel put forward it own conditions - that the PA resume security coordination with Israel, following bombing attacks and charges that Arafat gave them a

"green light."

The possibility that Israel would try and tempt the Palestinians back to talks with economic concessions was dismissed by official Palestinian sources.

However, in talks yesterday with donor countries in A-Ram, just north of Jerusalem, Shaath admitted that the economy was improving in Gaza because the relaxation of the closure was increasing the number of workers being permitted to go to jobs inside Israel.

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At Kami checkpoint in Gaza, the director-general of the crossing, Col. Jamal Abu Yusef, said

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### Palestinian, Israeli police officials meet

Palestinian Police chief calls

for a new peace strategy

Palestinian Police commander Gen. Nasser Yusef yesterday

called for a new peace strategy based on improving the economy

Speaking to a closed meeting of Bar-Ilan University's political science department, Yusef said the strategy must be based on

cooperation between Palestinian and Israelis in several fields and

on several levels, according to participants. This, he said, should include the religious leaders of the two communities.

Yusef, responding to questions from the university lecturers,

The meeting was organized by Wadie Abu Nassar, of Haifa

who teaches at the Open University. Abu Nassar has excellent ties

acknowledged Palestinian burnan rights violations and said he

hopes that the Palestinian Authority will improve its record.

of Israel and the Palestinians through cooperation.

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Judea and Samaria Police chief Cmdr. Yossi Sidbon met with his Palestinian counterpart Cmdr. Tarik Zaid and other high ranking Palestinian Police officers at the Hebron police station yesterday.

The aim of the meeting, said Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan, was to improve cooperation and strengthen the relationship between the two sides.

Sidbon also stressed the importance of maintaining personal contact between the two sides, which he said will ensure a continued successful working relationship. Meanwhile, 100 residents from

the Hebron Jewish community demonstrated outside Hadassah to protest the road work in Shuhada Street that commenced yesterday morning.

For several months, residents have been forced to use a road in the area under Palestinian control due to work being carried out in the section leading from Gross Square to Tel Rumeida, virtually cutting off the enclave.

Hebron community spokesman Noam Amon said that the residents are fed up with the work and concerned for their safety. "Since the road has been dug up outside Beit Hadassah, we are forced to

park our cars elsewhere, he said adding that the residents main concern is future plans that will open up the road to massive traffic relations and determine his policy oo both sides, which will cause a security problem.

According to Sivan, police dispersed the Jewish residents after Mordecbai since three houses on a they demonstrated for about an hilltop near Yitzhar were demolhour During the demonstration two minors were arrested after they sprayed tear gas into the faces of two young Arabs.

Leaders of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria,

and Gaza will meet with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordecbai this afternoon, seeking to improve on the demolition of illegal bouses in settlements. The council has been seeking to meet with

ished last week.

Meanwhile, Arutz 7 reported that the government announced it had submitted 31 requests for extradition to the Palestinian Authority six weeks ago. The

requests include 11 new ones, as well as the re-submission of 20 old The new requests include the extradition of the murderers of Ita and Efraim Tzur of Beit El, those of 75-year-old Naftali Sahar of

Rehovot, and of the terrorists who attempted to murder soldier Tzvi Fixler in December 1993. In addition, the extradition of Nafez Mahmond Sabih, suspected of being involved in three terrorist attacks in which 45 people were killed, is being sought. The attacks include the suicide bombings on bus No. 18 io Jerusalem on February 25 and March 2, 1996,

Ashkelon on February 25, 1996. According to the radio reports, a spokesman in the Prime Minister's Office said that the lack of response by the PA to the requests is a blatant violation of the Oslo Accords.

and the suicide bombing in

Arieh O'Sullivan adds: In a related development, unrest erupted in two West Bank villages. In Tzurif, an IDF soldier was lightly injured and hospitalized after being attacked by stone-throwers. In Beit Fajar, soldiers clashed with Palestinians, firing rubber bullets and tear gas. No one was injured, and the IDF declared the village a closed military area for a number of bours.

### Gilman slams PA death penalty for selling land to Jews

By HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

WASHINGTON - House international relations committee chairman Benjamin Gilman yesterday called "racist" the Palestinian Authority's death penalty edict for Arabs selling land to Jews, and urged PA Chairman Yasser Arafat to reject it.

Gilman said he is "dismayed" that Arafai has not yet condemned the policy amounced last week by PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein. Gilman also said he hoped the PA Legislative Council votes against the policy before it becomes official.

Farid Bashiti, a Jerusalem resident suspected of selling Arab land to Jews, was found dead in Ramallah last Friday. "In any event, I hope that Chairman Arafat recognizes the

dangers inherent in it and uses his influence to prevent this noxious idea from going any further," Gilman said in a statement. "To assert that an entire group of people is 'off limits' in transactions with another for any reason is exactly the kind of racist and religious bigotry that led to the Nazi extermination

camps, and cannot be tolerated. If this proposal becomes effective, the next step could be to dictate that Arabs may not sell produce or other goods to Jews."

with many PA officials.

Asked about Gilman's statement, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters he would not criticize Arafat because he does not know whether or not Arafat has spoken out against the decision.

Burns also said he was unsure whether US envoy Dennis Ross has raised the matter with Arafat during Ross' current visit to the region. We would obviously be highly

disturbed if it turned out that any officials had anything to do with the murder ... in Ramaliah. But I want to be very quick to say that it has not been proven, it has not been indicated, and the police are investigating this particular crime." Burns said.

Meanwhile, an Israeli official has accused Arafat's personal guard of killing Bashiti. "There is no doubt at all that Force 17 [Arafat's personal bodyguard] killed him," a senior Israeli official said on

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# Convention of ill will

Yesterday's session of the Labor Party's convention was described by many delegates as the "convention of ill will." Most everybody admitted to being uncomfortable and a few even spoke of revulsion.

The speeches of the chief protagonists - outgoing leader Shimon Peres and his likely successor Ehud Barak were received by the other side without understanding or compassion. It was reminiscent of previous Labor feuds, and one could hear comparisons to what happened to David Ben-Gurion, Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir and, most of all, Peres's great battles with the late Yitzhak Rabin.

Peres told the delegates that if the convention chose not to consider his appointment as party president now, "I will not be a candidate. I have no desire to continue being the victim of speculation and stander any longer. I will not be here in September."

Peres hotly denied charges that what

he really wants is to become Labor's highly emotional. Because he was so dual power centers and I am not after because that would be a dishonor."

the peace. "As long as I am breathing and I can stand on my feet, I will try to save the peace process which is being murdered before our very eyes."

He grew most emotional when defending his record and seeking to challenge the view that be is a loser who never led his party to victory at the poils. He described at length how in 1977 he took over a disintegrating party, "which no one wanted. I had no competition then. I was unanimously elected to the Labor leadership, but then I was called the loser. Did I alienate the National Religious Party? Did I establish the Democratic Movement for Change?"

The audience grew resiless as Peres spoke, and could not always discern what point be was trying to make. His speech was somewhat disjointed and

co-leader. "I am not trying to set up emotional and concentrated so heavily on past feuds with the likes of MKs power and authority... but I also don't want a role defined as honorary.

Avraham Shohat and Uzi Baram, his words were not well received.

His motive, Peres asserted, is to save Peres sidetracked too much, was far "It wasn't one of his best speeches. too emotional and did not adhere to the issues at hand," Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg said.

The audience was not always kind to Peres. Wheo he asked rhetorically: "Am I a loser?" many voices could be heard calling out: "Yes."

Barak, in contrast, delivered a speech in which he explained why the convention should not make Peres president now. 'Let's not compete over how much we love Peres. We all love him, but our task tonight is to decide between a return to the old days of intrigue and factionalism in the party or to head to a new era of unity, hard work, credibility, openness, and victory."

After the June 3 leadership primary, Barak promised to call Peres and ask him to come to his party's aid.



Young Labor Party activists display propaganda for each of the four candidates, Ehud Barak, Ephraim Sneh, Yossi Beilin, and Shlomo Ben-Ami, who are vying for the party leadership. (Israel Hadari)

#### BACKGROUND

### NRP's new MK tips balance to right FIST COME

By HERB KEINON

The National Religious Party, already positioned well on the government's right side, will likely look and sound even more right wing with the addition of Nissan Slomiansky to its Knesset faction.

Slomiansky, the head of the Elkana Regional Council, was No. 10 on the NRP's Knesset list, which placed nine MKs in the House in the last elections. He will be replacing Avraham Stern, 62, a longtime NRP activist from Hakibbutz Hadati movement, who died on Monday and was buried yesterday at Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv.

Stem, who for years advocated a degree of territorial compromise with the Palestinians, was considered a representative of the NRP's "moderate" stream, while Slomiansky, one of the founders of . Gush Emunim and a leading member of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria

and Gaza, is affiliated with the party's right wing. Stern was the only NRP MK. besides the party's two ministers, who absented himself from the Knesset plenum in January during the vote on the Hebron accord, rather than vote against

the accords. Earlier this year, Stern was quoted in Ha'arer; as saying that he did not rule out the possibility of a Palestinian state. "I don't rule it out altogether, if there is a chance for a peace arrangement and that is the element which holds it up. I don't want a Palestinian state either, but it doesn't seem to me to be a sacred issue. In my opinion, it's possible to create such a state on condition it doesn't have a massive military, the ability to produce arms, and the right to exchange ambassadors

with other countries." Stern was roundly castigated in the party's various frameworks for these remarks. In stark contrast to Stern's positions, Slomiansky is counted among those on the right even in the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Slomiansky was opposed to a 1995 initiative by some settlement leaders to talk with Palestinian Authority officials. Slomiansky, the council's "operations officer," was a driving force in numerous council demonstrations and anti-Oslo

protests over the last four years. In recent months, because of disillusionment with Prime Minister Netanyahn's settlement policy, be has led a move to try to find a right-wing candidate to run against

Netanyahu in the next elections. The addition of Slomiansky means that five of the party's nine MKs live in settlements. In addition to Slomiansky, who lives in Elkana, Yigal Bibi and Hanan Porat live in Gush Etzion, Zvi Hendel in Gush Katif, and Shaul Yahalom in Kedumim.

The addition of Slomiansky will undoubtedly strengthen the image of the NRP as the party of the settlers. This is somewhat ironie, since the party's success in the last elections - it went from six to nine seats - had much to do with its appealing both to a wider sector of the religious public and to elements of the secular public.

The party's "NRP to yo slogan of the 1992 campaign was jettisoned in the 1996 campaign, with the party placing less of emphasis on the territories and more on issues of Jewish identity. values and education. Up until Stern's death, the balance of power between moderates and territorial hawks in the party's Knesset faction was roughly 5 to 4, in favor of the hawks.

Among those considered moderates were Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, deputy religious affairs minister Yigal Bibi, Shmaryahu Ben-Tsur, and Stern.

The hawks are generally considered to be Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, Avner Shaki, Porat, Yahalom and Hendel. Slomiansky will tip this to this balance further to the right.

But Yitzhak Rath, an adviser to Levy and former NRP spokesman. said this breakdown is very "superficial," and that he cannot remember a time when the party's decisions have been decided by one or two votes.

Shaki said that Slomiansky's addition to the list will not alter party policy. "Nothing will change," he said. "We are a united

front, which stands as one." While the party's policies may not change, its tone may become more uncompromising - the result of one of its voices advocating territorial compromise having being replaced by another urging complete territorial integrity.



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#### Man gets 24 years for raping stepdaughters

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The 58-year-old man was convicted of molesting one of the girls from age 12 to 15, then raping her about four times a month until she was 19 and already a soldier. The other girl was raped from age nine to 11. The man, whose wife left him as a result of the crimes, denied the charges, saying he is impotent.

#### Police to take over bus security

Police are preparing to take over bus security, after the cabinet decided on Friday to cancel the special Egged and Dan security squads, which were operated by the Transport Ministry.

The Israel Police said the Transport Ministry squads did good work, but their capability was limited, as they were not authorized to detain suspects. As a result, the cabinet decided to transfer responsibility for bus security to the police. A budget has been arranged for the police squad, whose members will undergo

#### 3 Torah scrolls destroyed in Ra'anana blaze

Three Torah scrolls and dozens of prayer books were destroyed in a fire at the Kfar Nahman hostel for the retarded in Ra'anana

According to police, the fire apparently was started by candles carelessly lit in the synagogue by one of the residents in memory

Interior Minister Eliahu Yishai ordered Interior Ministry officials to find an alternate site for the synagogue with the help of funds that the ministry would put at the hostel's disposal. He also called on the hostel's administrators to review regulations regarding fire prevention with the residents. Jerusalem Post Staff

#### Aizheimer's cases expected to soar

The number of Israelis suffering from Alzheimer's disease is expected to double - to 100,000 - during the next three years. This prediction was made yesterday by Prof. Avraham Fisher of the Ness Ziona Biological Institute, during a press conference previewing the Fourth International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease to begin in Ellat on May 18.

Five to 7 percent of people aged 65 are likely to contract this fatal, progressive form of dementia, as will 25% of those over 80. By comparison, there are some 500,000 to one million Americans and some 10 000 Israelis with Parkingon's disease.

and some 10,000 Israelis with Parkinson's disease. Judy Siegel

#### Groups demand educational system review

Educational and social groups are convening today in Jaffa to call for a review of the nation's educational system. Initiated by a group called the Oriental Democratic Rainbow and the "New Education" non-profit organization, and with the participation of university students, youth group members and other bodies, the participants will call on President Ezer Weizman to establish a commission to take a closer look at the nation's education system.

Oriental Democratic Rainbow spokesman Moshe Karif said that among the issues they would raise in their demands for the review are the need to reopen school registration zones; the disappointing results in matriculation exams, particularly among the poor, the negative images projected in the schools of Arabs and Oriental Jews; and the failure to properly absorb Ethiopian Jews in the nation's schools. Aryeh Dean Cohen

#### TAU raises more than \$20 million in donations

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# Detention law problems expected

By RAINE MARCUS

Judges and police are expecting disruptions and problems as a result of the new law on detention of suspects, which came into effect on Monday. Police must now bring suspects before a judge after 24 hours, instead of 48.

Courts are now to be open until 10 p.m. to accommodate requests for remands, but so far. a senior Justice Ministry source said, there has been no authorization for additional budgets for personnel, In Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, one more judge has been appointed; he will be on duty from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Indges are concerned that police will not make arrests because 24 hours will not be

sufficient to investigate and to gather evidence to warrant a further remand, according to ministry sources.

"Many criminals may be running free because police do not have the time to investigate, and they will be released on bail by a senior officer at the police station because there is no other choice," a senior legal

Police and judges also slammed the fact that the new law allows the suspect to consult with his lawyer at the beginning of the

24-hour period. Previously, suspects were not allowed to consult with lawyers immedi-

Meanwhile, the Israel Police has begun to make changes in its organizational structure, under a long-term plan initiated by Internal

Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani Rather than each police district being divided into sub-districts, which in turn are in ebarge of police stadons, plans are under way to eradicate sub-districts and build more and larger police stations that will answer directly to each district headquarters, Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky said last week.

At present Tel Aviv is divided into three sub-districts, which are in charge of police

stations in their respective areas. The restructuring of the city's police, lo include eradicating the sub-districts and building seven stations instead, will mean that each station commander will be directly responsible to the city's chief," Aharonishky said. "The demography of the city has also changed - North Tel Aviv has expanded and

thus citizens' needs have changed. "We aim to set up community policing points all around the city and its suburbs, to enable the public to have a local policemanto turn to for various problems," he added,

#### Videoconferencing at Hadassah

Dr. Koby Assaf, director of the emergency room at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, diagnoses a patient at a Kupat Holim Clalit clinic in Bert Shemesh via a videoconference call over special Bezeq lines. The experimental service uses a sophisticated computer system developed by the SMI company. Assaf, who is in charge of the new service, said patients in outlying areas lacking a hospital can benefit, especially when local specialists are not available. X-rays, electrocardiograms and other data can be transmitted in real time, while the doctor speaks to the patient. The cost-efficient systems could operate in Magen David Adom's mobile intensive care units and in the IDF, he said. (Text: Judy Siegel; Photo: Avi Hayoun)

### Jerusalem church dedicates sculptures by Israeli artist

was rededicated yesterday with a series of sculptures by an artist who is also executing a giant statue of Elvis Presley.

The site, St. Peter in Gallicantu, marks the spot where the apostle Peter, according to tradition, renounced Jesus before the cock crowed three times. The sculptures, by artist Richard Shilo, include a monumental gate with a depiction of the last supper and a group sculpture of the moment of denial, as well as a

another statue of Jesus in shackles in the crypt gas station at Neveh Ilan. of the church, marking the place where Jesus One of Jerusalem's major pilgrimage sites was incarcerated. Shilo, who was bom in Poland 50 years ago

and came to Israel in 1957, said that he is an agnostie, but that he related to universal reli-"I related to universal ideas, not necessarily

Christian ideas. I can grasp a beautiful idea in

any religion," he said. Shilo, who designed the statue given out at the Israeli "Oscar" awards, has also undertaken to erect a 3.5 meter high statue of Presley at the

Father Robert Fortin, rector of the church, said that the church wanted to use a local artist. The church had actually learned of Shilo through a group of Palestinians from Beit Jalla, who work in a foundry he uses in Abu Ghosh. Fortin said he is pleased that the newly refurbished church represents the combined efforts of Palestinian Christians and a Jew. The major cost of the renovations was given by George and Marie Doty of Rye, New York, who also provided funds for the new dome in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

### Gene linked to drug addiction

By JUDY SIEGEL

Israeli researchers who last year discovered a gene linked to impulsiveness and adveoturousness have now found that the same gene slightly increases a person's risk of getting addicted to hard drugs.

Dr. Richard Ebstein, Jerusalem's Herzog Memorial Hospital, who headed the team, said that the gene variant is quite common. "So it's obviously not enough to turn someone into a heroin addict. But it gives you a slightly increased risk," he said yesterday.

The team, which included researchers from the Beersheba Meotal Health Ceoter of Ben-Gurion University, the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem, Ha'emek Hospital in Afula, and the CITA Institute in Rishon Lezion, published its findings in the May issue of Molecular Psychiatry.

Hypothesizing that a gene linked to daring behavior might also be involved in drug abuse, the researchers tested the blood of 141 men undergoing drug rehabilitation at CITA and compared their genetie makeup with those of 110 meo with no history of drug abuse. They found that 29 percent of the addicts had one form of the gene, compared to only 12% in the nonaddict group (making addicts two-and-a-half times more likely than non-addicts to have the gene).

Although the work is preliminary, Ebstein said the discovery could help doctors identify patients vulnerable to drug addiction and then refer them to prevention programs. He said the tendency towards drug addiction is likely to be caused by a number of genes, and that the team is continuing to look for them.

Alcoholics and smokers, be said. are regarded as having a risk-taking personality, but the incidence of gene in this group has not yet been

"At least half of the factors leading to drug addiction are environmental, but looking for relevant genes is easier than examining the environmental factors, which are difficult to isolate," Ebstein concluded.

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### Striking Delek workers clash with security guards

#### Histadrut to refinery workers: Withhold fuel from Paz

Striking Delek employees clashed with security guards early yesterday morning at the company's Haifa plant.

At around 2 a.m., security guards chained the plant's gates elosed and blockaded the entranceway, locking inside some 60 workers, who set up a protest camp at the plant a week ago. The workers and guards began to exchange blows, and one worker was lightly injured.

Ya'alon said the attempt by the

Palestinians to blame the abortive

attacks near Kfar Darom on Israel

is for domestic reasons, to show that the Islamic Jihad could be

In answer to MK Ze'ev

Binyamin Begin, Ya'alon said the

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On Syria, Ya'alon said President

The High Court yesterday reject-

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wrote and directed. The groups

which appealed against the broad-

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noted in particular that the director,

David Mosevics, financed the

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Eitan said Raviv had activated

and mobilized other people to act

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blackening the name of settlers, the

penetrated by Israel.

status continues.

Delek legal adviser Ya'acov Finegut said the company had sent the guards to prevent property from being stolen from the plant, and not to interfere with the protesters.

At a solidarity protest with the striking workers yesterday, the Histadrut called on refinery workers not to supply Paz with fuel due to claims that it has been supplying fuel to Delek stations. Today the Histadrut is signal-

ing to the Paz company, and other

fuel companies, that it's not worth it for them to interfere in a dispute that doesn't involve them and to violate a strike," Haifa Histadrut chairman Barueb Zaltz said.

The Histadrut will not allow Delek to destroy the collective labor agreement and move all of its employees to personal contracts, Yigal Cohen, head of the Histadrut Haifa branch's trade union department, said at the

apparently aims at creating a deter-rent in this field because it cannot

compete with the strategie balance

created by Israel's ground and air

At least seven people were bitten by snakes Monday and yester-

By JUDY SIEGEL and Itim

According to Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed, which treated five of the cases, the recent heat wave has awakened snakes early from their winter hibernation.

In the event of snakebite, lay the victim on the ground and ensure that he is completely modonless. Bind the affected limb to the body and call Mageo David Adom (at the 101 emergency number). Don't cut or burn the wound or suck out the venom; don't put ice on the wound or attach a tourniquet, don't try to catch the snake.

MDA advises taking a first-aid kit on hikes and trips, wearing hightop shoes, placing a barrier at the entrance to tents, and being careful oot to stick your hand into hiddeo places, including under

The five snakebite victims treated at Sieff Hospital were a soldier from a base on the Golan Heights. a 16-year-old from a moshav in the Galilee, a young woman from a kibbutz near Kiryat Shmona, and two men who were working in the fields of Kibbutz Merom Hagolan.

MDA reported that an 18month-old baby was bitteo at Moshav Saniam, and a 45-year-old woman was bitten while sleeping at Kibbutz Beit Hashita.

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would not resort to this until the possibility of a US-brokered diplomatic process has been completely exhausted or breaks down. Ya'alon said Assad realizes he needs the US to help resume the diplomatic

Syria continues to invest mainly Hafez Assad has not given up the military option if he cannot reach his goals by other means, but he

forces, he said. Ya'alon also said Assad is well aware of the different coosequences in the use of conventional and non-conventional weapons.

Syria continues, with partial success, to whittle away at Israel's diplomatic achievements with other Arab states including Jordan, Egypt, the Gulf states and in North Africa, according to Ya'alon.

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credit for the murder of an Arab in

Halbul. The Arab was later proven to have been killed by another Arab

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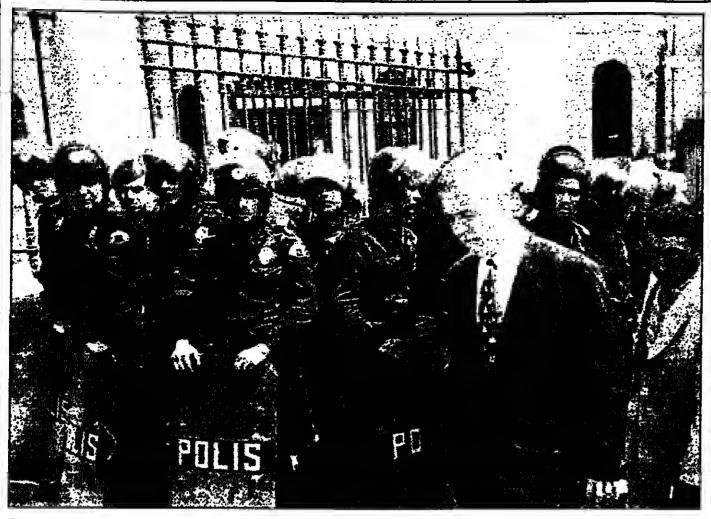
Amir, apparently argued that the religious law of din rodef should be Continued from Page 2 applied to Rabin. He also said it should be used against Shulamit national camp and Hebron residents. He led different organiza-Aloni, Yossi Sarid, Shimon Peres,

Yossi Beilin and others. Eitan raised the questions of where Raviv is today, where he works; and who pays him. He said the investigation should examine whether somebody gave Raviv immunity to call for Rabin's murder and act in different sites, including schools, and use public funds

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Riot policemen look on yesterday as Ertugrul Ozkok, editor-in-chief of the daily newspaper 'Hurriyet,' makes bis way back from the Istanbul governor's office after Turkish journalists marched there to protest recent attacks on the media.

### Turkish journalists protest threats

ISTANBUL (Reuter) - Almost 200 Turkish editors, columnists, newsreaders and reporters yesterday delivered a petition to Istanbul's governor urging action against what they said were politically motivated attacks on the media.

"We presented our petition and demanded that necessary preventive measures be taken," Turkish Journalists' Association chairman Nail Gureli told reporters.

"With the conscious finger-pointing by spokesmen of political power, the media is becoming the target of violent acts, of armed attacks," he said.

The journalists staged the protest one day after a young man with apparent Islamist leanings attacked the headquarters of the secularist Turkish newspaper Hurrivet, which has been a harsh critic of the Islamist-conservative government. A janitor was injured in the episode.

Ten days before that attack, gunmen attacked the offices of Flash TV in an apparent reaction to a program on organized crime in which a gangster accused top secular political figures of corruption.

Parliament has recently voted not to investigate further corruption charges levelled against Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller, who leads the conservative junior partner in the

"The government is including its supporters

against the press and this creates a very very dangerous situation," Haluk Sahin, Kanal D news coordinator said.

Islamist Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan has often accused the media - which has speculated that the powerful military might topple him in what would be Turkey's fourth coup since 1960 - of whipping up a conspiracy of lies to get rid of him and to protect their secular values.

Last week, in what the media interpreted as a retort by Erbakan, the Islamist-held justice ministry ordered inquiries into eight journalists and two union officials for articles or speeches allegedly intended to provoke a military coup.

# Palestinians plotted to kill pope – reports

BEIRUT (AP) - Palestinian terrorists planned to assassinate Pope John Paul II with rockets during his visit to Lebanon last weekend, two Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday.

The leading daily An-Nahar and the rightist Ad-Divar attributed the report to unidentified "official sources," but said it had come from the Italian branch of Interpol, the international police network. The reports gave no details on how the nlleged plot

Lebanese security officials confirmed they received an alert, but stressed the pope was never in danger because of the extensive security surrounding his visit. The officials spoke under their standard

rules of anonymity.

The pope arrived Saturday in Beirut and for 32 hours kept a hectic schedule of meetings and ceremonies. On Sunday, he celebrated an open-air mass in downtown Beirut attended by a crowd estimated at 500,000 people.

The authorities deployed some 20,000 police, soldiers and other security personnel, along with tanks and helicopters, to guard the pontiff.

The attackers had acquired 23 Chinese-made rockets from Chinese gangsters and hoped to use shoulder-fired, anti-aircraft rockets against the pope's plane or helicopters he used in Lebanon, the newspapers said.

They said the Italians learned of the purported plot from the Canadian Interpol branch, which identified the would-be attackers as members of a previously. unheard of group calling itself "Jaish Allah," of God's army.

The group was said to be made up of Palestinian Islamic extremists operating abroad but with an "active branch" in Lebanon. Subsequent information about the plot said it could involve Hamas or

### Another quake hits Iran

#### By STEVEN SWINDELLS

QAEN, Iran, (Reuter) - A second earthquake struck Iran's devastated eastern region and more international aid made its way yesterday to survivors of the killer quake that displaced 50,000 peo-

ple last weekend. The new jolt late Monday struck with a force of 4.8 on the Richter scale as rescue teams searched among the rubble of 200 villages left in ruins by Saturday's 7.1 magnitude quake. There was no word of casualties in the latest quake.

Iran yesterday revised downwards casualty figures in Saturday's quake. The Interior Ministry said the latest figures stood at 1,560 dead and 2,810 injured.

There was no explanation for the change in figures from earlier official reports of 2,400 dead and 6,000 injured.

The ministry said 10,500 tents, 25,000 blankets and large quantities of food and clothing had been given to survivors - most of whom were still wandering in the rubble of their ruined homes and burying

The Iranian Red Crescent said rescue workers would comb the quake-stricken areas one more time for the living and the dead before winding up

their operations.

Michael Schulenburg, UN resident coordinator in Tehran, said his office had so far received \$600,000 in cash donations from different UN agencies and \$35,000 from Denmark which would be used to purchase relief goods in Iran.

Schulenburg said a French air-craft carrying 39 tons of emergency equipment and medicine has arrived at Mashhad airport while one from Italy loaded with 36 tons of medicine and other aid was due in later yesterday.

He said the UN has set up an office at Mashhad airport to receive the aid, some of which was also being received by the Iranian Red Crescent Society.

UN officials in Tehran said rescue and relief work was going well hut three strong quakes that rocked Iran in the past four

months had put a huge strain on its emergency supplies and sparked an nrgent need for international help.

There is a shortage of tents and more than one family is having to share one tent," Schulenburg said.
"There is also urgent need for water purification systems." He said between 150,000 and 200,000 Iranians were estimated to have been made homeless by the three

quakes that hit Iran since February. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies appealed Monday for \$8.2 million to help Iran.

Several countries made pledge or said they had sent aid, including the United States and European Union states involved in a diplomatic row with Tehran.

Iran has put initial estimates of the extent of damage in the region' at 300 billion rials (NIS 340 million), but Zargar said a total damage evaluation would be released: next week.

Iran said it would pay 500,000 rials (NIS 520) to every person who lost a relative.

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### Mandela pressures Zaire leaders

CAPE TOWN - President Nelson Mandela was cautiously optimistic vesterday that a meeting between Zaire's warring factions would vield a peace agreement.

Mandela told journalists at his Cape Town office he had spoken to Zairean rehel leader Laurent Kabila by telephone yesterday morning. "I hope tomorrow we will make some progress." said Mandela, who has also been in contact with the presidents of France, Congo and Togo.

Meanwhile, the UN children's agency said armed men in rebel uniforms in easiem Zaire attacked two of its international staff members. beat them and bayoneted them. One needed hospital treatment.

Spokeswoman Marie Heuze said UNICEF condemned "this act of barbarism" in the de factor rebel capital Coma, which showed that conditions were "not adequate" for relief work in the area. UN sources said the attackers spoke Kinyaarwandan, the language of neighboring Rwanda. which is backing the Tutsi-dominated rebels.

South African Deputy President Thabo Mbeki said Monday that today's scheduled meeting between Kabila and Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko on a South African naval supply ship off the coast of Pointe-Noire. Congo, could be the last chance to find a negotiated solution to Zaire's seven-month conflict.

Mbeki wants the two sides to agree on the composition of a transitional authority and on how long Mobutu will remain in Zaire before proceeding with today's meeting on board the Outerique. Mbeki's spokesman, Ricky Naidoo, said the deputy president was hopeful of gening the agree-

ment ironed out late last night. Mbeks had planned to five early yesterday to Zaire to iron out lastminute differences between Mobata and Kabila, However, he testified yesterday morning to the Treth and Reconciliation Commission, which is investigat-

ing apartheid-era political crimes. Naidoo said Mbeki then began talking with Mobatu and Kabila by telephone. He was scheduled to leave Cape Town for Pointe-Noir

late yesterday, Naidoo said. Kabila's supporters have taken report gave no further details. control of three quarters of the country and classe to be just 50 kilometers outside the capital

### Miami struck by twister

tornado lurch closer and closer. "I saw palm trees and trees with

root systems and everything a couple of hundred feet up." Carilo said. "It was something like in the movie Twister, like in the Wizard of Oz, everything fly-ing like that." The 10mado swept past the station and Miami's highrise condominiums Monday aftemoon, smashing windows and damaging roofs and cars in a three-kilometer path as people scrambled for cover. No one was killed and only five injured. including a woman who suffered a heart attack.

Several television stations captured spectacular footage of the funnel cloud as it blew through downtown with 160 kph winds, then past condo towers and across causeways on Biscayne Bay. In Little Havana, the roof of a

three-story building collapsed. The tornado also touched down to the east on the MacArthur Causeway, which leads to South Beach, and brought traffig to a hait.

"We thought it was going to hit us," said Joseph McCrea, a toll collector at the Venetian Causeway, which leads to Miami

MIAMI (AP) - From the roof McCrea watched the storm rip of the downtown police station, trees out of the ground and set off Officer Leo Carilo watched the small explosions as it tere down people lost power, but it was restored by evening. At least 35

had to seek overnight shelter. "I've lived here 32 years and this is the first time I've ever seen anything like this," said police spokesman Delrish Moss, who watched the twister blow by the police station. "I was fascinated, I found myself standing there in total awe of the magnificent power that this packs."

An American Airlines jet flying into Miami International Airport hit severe turbulence because of the tornado, injuring two passen-gers and five flight attendants. The A300 from Bostor had 156 passengers and nine crew mem-bers aboard. It landed safely.

"it bounced so hard I thought we hit another plane or something," said passenger Claude Rem. Anna Vareia, who lives or an

Island between Miami and Miami Beach, saw the twister in TV. Then she looked out a window and saw the termain hearing down on her house, which escaped virtually unscattred.
"They showed it on TV and then it came through like a

### Moslem-secular clash in south Russia leaves at least one dead

MOSCOW (AP) - At least one man was killed when Moslem villagers in southern Russia clashed with members of a fundamentalist Islamic sect accusing them of intolerance, a news agency reported vesterday.

More than 600 people were demanding that residents from the puritanical Wahhabi sect leave the village of Chabanmahi in the scathern Dagestan region, accusing them of making trouble because of intolerance, the

Interfax news agency said. The Wahhabis locked themseives in a movique Monday and when a crowd gathered cuiside there were shots from both sides. One man was killed, but the

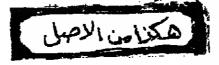
Russian television also reported from Dagestan that two people were killed and two were wounded in the shooting.

A stand-off continued over give with the Wahhades staying inside the mesque and both sides calling for reinfurcements from other towns in the area. Interfas Sci 2.5 Walthalps mere taken nostage by

other villagers yesterius,
Police surrounded for village to
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Akhmed Tagayes, Dagestan's
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Rassia have ognored warnings about the torest of proliferation of Marin timbarrenting "Topayas said this read a law harming the spread of Islamia fundamentalism and of various Christian Orthodox breakaway seess." Dagestin, a pro-dominant'i Mission republic real the Caspan Southworns to people from a least 30 along group.





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### Seize the moment

s Israel celebrated Independence Day, hammered out, is the prime example of one role. Latest round of shuttle diplomacy at receptions marking the event. The peace process waits for no one, but now it has become the rule. It was a massive diplomatic effort not a waiting game. In the abstract, both sides may want to dislodge the process from its current rut. but neither side bas much of an incentive to break the deadlock.

Israel is willing to make certain gestures, but rightly is refusing to make major unilateral concessions to bring the Palestinians back to the

This is especially true because Israel is generally abiding by its requirements under Oslo. while the Palestinians are not only shirking their responsibilities, but making additional demands on Israel.

Any concessions made for nothing more than a renewal of existing Palestinian commitments to fight terror would make a mockery of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's concept of "reciprocity," which in any case is on the rocks.

With the toughest decisions lying ahead, the surprise is that Netanyahu's major proposal would be to accelerate the process. It is less surprising that Israel might be in no burry to move forward, given that it will only get tougher from

The Palestinians also lack an incentive to move forward, because a "crisis," atmosphere works in their favor. While Israel is generally at a disadvantage when it comes to avoiding blame for a particular crisis, the Netanyahu govemment is particularly vulnerable. From day one the current government has been playing catch-up in the court of world opinioo, and the Palestinians have no interest in allowing Israel to build any credibility.

The Palestinians realize that the deeper the crisis, the more pressure there will be on both sides, but most of the pressure will be on Israel. In this situation, Yasser Arafat bas little iocentive to back down from bis demands. He knows that, at the end of the day, it is Israel which will be labeled the intransigent.

It is times like this that both sides turn to the United States. The US has always been the arbiter in the peace process, but the vigor of its arbitration has varied widely. In general, its role tends to increase at the best of times and the worst of times - when the final deal needs to be clinched, or, if there is a war. Camp David,

US mediator Dennis Ross continued bis while the cease-fire agreements in 1967 and 1973 are examples of the other.

The Madrid Cooference was the exception to precipitated by a crisis but by a bistoric moment: the victory of the US-led alliance that saved one Arab narioo from occupation by another. With the PLO on the ropes for backing Iraq, and Syria, the US, and Israel on the same side, anything seemed possible.

Since then, however, the Oslo Agreements, which took the US by surprise, have taken over as the centerpiece of the peace process. In the era of Oslo, the US bas remained critical to the process, but has reverted to the mode of intervening most strongly at the extremes. You bring the document, we will provide the White House lawn. Or alternately, if thiogs blow up completely, as they did in September's violent outbreak, Washington is the place to sort things

In between, Dennis Ross and his team labor day in and day out to keep the process moving. The problem is that the current crisis is falling through the cracks and the US is not filling them. President Clinton is busy with his own problems and oot in the mood for taking big risks at a momeot when the process seems particularly prickly. The still new secretary of state, Madeline Albright, also has delayed her direct involvement, understandably besitant to become swallowed up by a dispute that has frustrated most of ber predecessors. Her meeting, scheduled for Friday, with Foreign Minister David Levy does not oecessarily portend a more active approach.

The US rightly and repeatedly states that it cannot substitute for the will of the parties to resolve their own differences. This is more than a slogan to keep the parties from running to the US at every turn - it is true. It was Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin, acting on a historic opportunity after the Yom Kippur War, who were critical to forging the first Arab-Israeli peace treaty.

The lesson of Camp David. of Madrid, and even of Oslo is that it takes a combination of determined leaders, the right historic moment, and tireless mediation to create breakthroughs in the peace process. The danger oow is that the moment may be there, but the leaders are not fully ready. The US should begin to address this

### Diplomatic damage

fter the furor surrounding the sbocking appointment of Rooi Bar-On as attorney-general. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said he had learned his lesson and that, from now on, all appointments would be made in consultation with the relevant ministers. Unfortunately, as the example of Israel's short-lived ámbassador to Jordan, Oded Eran, has shown, making the correct appointment does not, by itself, ensure that all will ruo smoothly.

In a hard-hitting letter of resignation, Eran, a career Foreign Ministry official and not a political appointment, complained that his role as ambassador had been seriously undermined by the failure to keep him fully informed of the latest developments in Israeli-Jordanian ties. Netanyahu's secret meeting with King Hussein in Akaba last week, about which Eran learned from the media, drove the new ambassador to demand out. An ambassador's job, he said, is not to simply wave the flag. Foreign Minister David Levy is now putting his diplomatic skills to use in an attempt to persuade Eran to withdraw his resignation.

Eran's predecessor, Sbimon Shamir, wbile expressing regret at Eran's decision in a oumber of interviews yesterday, did oot bide bis lack of surprise. During his tenure in Amman, Shamir said, the Prime Minister's Office had often bypassed birn, as if relations between the two countries still had to be shrouded in secrecy.

What is no secret is that Israel's diplomatic service is in tatters. Almost a year into this government's tenure, there is still no ambassador at the United Nations, despite the urgent need for such an appointment. Ambassador to the United States Eliahu Ben-Elissar has, in a relatively short space of time, succeeded in alienating both the State Department and much of the American Jewisb community. The political cronies appointed to the post of ambassadors to the United Kingdom and South Africa also fail to bode well for Israel's good name.

For a prime minister who gained cotry to domestic politics on the strength of his performance as an ambassador, Netanyahu's failure to see the damage to Israel's world standing through these oumerous diplomatic disasters is puzzling indeed.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PERVERTING THE COURSE OF JUSTICE It is a well-documented fact that

Sir, - The political left can, with impunity, accuse the right of all sorts of nonexistent wrongdoings but when the right (be it in the person of the prime minister or other- of the left, to the disadvantage of wise) fights back, it is guilty of incitement (Larry Derfner's "Déja

vu," April 24). When the attorney-general decided not to indict the prime minister, the opposition leader nevertheless announced that he would face indictment by the public. When the attorney-general concluded that there was not enough evidence to warrant indictment, the opposition countered that there was not enough evidence to prove his innocence either. Since when, in a democracy, must an innocent man, after being falsely accused, prove his innocence?

in last year's election campaign, the Israeli media did everything in their power to promote the cause the nationalist camp. After the Likud victory, they left no stone unturned to unearth some unlawful dealings allegedly committed by Mr. Netanyahu in the US and to throw doubt on the loyalty of some of his team. When it all failed, they grabbed the Bar-On for Hebron affair as a welcome new opportunity to get rid of the

When the prime minister

ODD COMPLAINT

Sir, - It seems odd if not down- complaining? As Allan E. Shapiro writes on right absurd that Israel's prime April 25: "Mr. Netanyahu has minister appears on TV and comcome into office without any real plains about the government's own channel. TV Channel 1 is not feel that he firmly holds the power a private commercial business. So that goes with it. The enemy, looseto whom was the prime minister ly defined, is still running things,

hated right-wing government which was determined to put the interests of the country and Jewish

values at the top of the agenda. ordered a police inquiry in order to clear his name, a number of leaks

> and they are out to get him." Instead of calling on an American expert in PR, our prime minister should have called for advice on Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.

were conveniently arranged in the course of the investigation, leading to "trial by media." When this latest ploy also failed,

tactics changed. Petitions poured into the High Court, to overturn the attorney-general's decision in order to try and topple the prime minister and overturn the democratic decision of the voters. If, according to Larry Derfner,

Mr. Netanyahu's name is synony-

mous with incitement, then the opposition is synonymous with from the legal standpoint. conspiring to pervert the course of justice for no other reason than an all-consuming greed for power and the inability to accept that the public had decided against it. R. WILLERS

Wembley Park, Middx.

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### What's proper for Peres

Tever in my lifetime, and l am 67, have I seen a leader being treated by those around him like a sulking child wbo has to be mollified.

Yesterday's Labor Party convention focused not on issues vital to the party, but on whether Ehud Barak should act compassionately toward Shimon Peres the man who has brought the worst disaster in its history down upon bis party. It was pure soap

All the actors, those close to the action, and those like media people who were further removed. experienced - though they did not express - obvious unease at being exposed to the raw ego of a man wbo feels "L'etat, c'est moi."

Whether Peres ends up party "president" or oot isn't the point. It would be a post made-to-measure out of mercy, just for him. It would be like a bone tossed from

pity to a starving dog.

What a personal tragedy for a man who has been a major player on the political scene for 50 years, almost longer than anyone else, save King Hussein. What a comedown, to end an illustrious career virtually begging for charity.

After losing the elections for the fifth time (it wasn't Netanyahu who won, it was Peres who lost) this desperate man still sought a way to crawl into a national uoity government. Then came the Bar-On Affair, killing that bope.

After that, the only thing he

could do was try and stay afloat any way he was able. And if it meant bringing everybody in his party down, so much the better. Yesterday's convention was the political survival against a the 1960s. younger, more Rabin-like oppo-

nent, one who was determined to

YORAM KANIUK

win. Ehud Barak is a strong man; he can lead a strong, Rabin-style opposition, if he is allowed to do

Peres spent his political life surrounded by charismatic or trusted figures like David Ben-Gurion, Mosbe Dayan, Yitzhak Rabin and now Ehud Barak - wbose faults were forgiven them, who were loved in spite of their mistakes. He never understood why

He has a role to play, and it isn't begging for charity

he himself, longing for the kind of love these others evoked, could excite no more than appreciation at most.

He oow seems bent - perhaps out of pique or jealousy - on putting a spoke in Barak's wheel.

SO maybe it is the Likud that ought to be offering Peres the party "presidency" for being such a help to it, both in the last elections, and now, in its efforts to achieve an opposition that has no

Whenever he can, Peres cites the fact that Ben-Gurion was his mentor, but whatever he absorbed from that great man, it wasn't his chief virtues. It wasn't Ben-Gurion's awareness of when the time had come to pack up and retreat into the desert, it was, rather, a clear memory of the way B-G zealously destroyed arena of Peres's last battle for Labor Party in the Lavon Affair in

> No, it wasn't from Ben-Gurion that Peres learned the paramount-

of Jewish law.

WHEN I was an undergraduate at

Oxford, my criminal law tutor

Jewish law can

exist harmoniously

with secular law. A

rabblnical judge

should sit on the

**Supreme Court** 

pointed out that though, under

English law, it was impossible for

a man to be found guilty for rap-

ing his wife, this was not the case

A decision of the Supreme

Court in Jerusalem, citing

Maimonides among other authori-

ties, had held that a man could

indeed be found guilty of raping

Since then, English law has

When I was working at the Bar

in London, one of the issues to

come before the High Court con-

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cy of clinging to power for power's sake.

There's something pathetic about a leader who won't accept the consequences of bis own actions and personality, but always accuses others of betrayal

and evasion of responsibility.
When Yitzhak Shamir lost the election, he handed back the keys of the party, and went bome. In 1974, Golda Meir won, but she took responsibility for what had happened in the Yom Kippur War and resigned, and didn't seek to

become a "president." Peres has a long list of achievements. He is recognized as the man who built the foundations of Israel's security establishment. He takes credit for his important part in the Oslo agreement. And as far as world acclaim goes, he has a Nobel Peace Prize to warm him

on chilly nights. So why degrade himself now? Why throw himself on the mercy of those who lack his stature and experience?

Now in his mid-70s, Peres doesn't need a title. He is already an elder statesman

He should sit at home, a oneman House of Lords, under the halo of his considerable achievements. He should hold court to those coming to seek his counsel, and allow Labor to create an opposition worthy of the name to the worst government we have ever had.

And at day's end, when they've all gone home, he can sit back and read the books he says he enjoys

The writer's latest book, Another Love Story, was published recently: his Land of Two Promises, written jointly with Arab novelist Emil Habib, is currently being translated into several languages.

### Well of pure water, waiting

the suggestion by the presi-dent of the Supreme Court that there be a place on his bench for a member of the Supreme Rabbinical Court came under heavy fire in a recent largely based on the common law of England, a highly devel-Ha'aretz editorial. The idea was labeled "surprising, perhaps even oped, and technologically dangerous. advanced system. But even England has adopted principles

The editorial, headed "For lawyers only," went on: "The Supreme Court bench is intended to be filled only by lawyers .... To appoint a prominent figure... who lacks formal legal training, or wbo is considered an expert in Jewish or Moslem law could open the door to totally illogical appointments, such as intellectuals or prominent public figures without any real legal background."

The whole tenor of the article was that members of the Supreme Rabbinical Court are not real

This is both offensive and naive. True, their legal training takes a very different form from that of most lawyers who practice in Israeli courts, but that does not mean their practice is devoid of legal principle, or that their law, Jewish law, is in any way inferior to the secular laws of the State of Israel.

The editorial continues: "The Supreme Court bench should be occupied by lawyers who also have wide legal training in a variety of fields... in that it deals with subjects that are quite technical

Once again, the absurd and demeaning suggestion is that Jewish law is narrow, and that those trained in it are incapable of coping with legal technicalities. Mishpat ivri is an entire legal system in itself. As auch, it covers the full gamut of legal relations.

Admittedly, in certaio areas of commercial law it is less developed than some other legal systems, but that does not mean it has no contribution to make in the development of fundamental principles even in those

Modem Israeli law ia still

relevance in the English courts, ANDREW M. why should they be looked down ROSEMARINE upon in, of all places, the Jewish

Jewish law, with three-and-ahalf thousand years of development to its credit, covers a multitude of legal areas. It can be a very useful adjunct to the learning at the disposal of the Supreme Court.

If religious court judges or dayanim lack experience in certain areas of law, it should be noted that the the same is true of secular judges.

A good example of this is monopolies and restrictive practices law, essential for the proper working of the market economy. The most senior judges worldwide usually do not have a sufficient understanding of economics to cope with this vital field of economic life. Should they be barred from the bench as a

Dayanim can learn much on the job. The experience with Rabbi Simha Assaf, who sat on the Supreme Court in its early years and often cited secular law, is good evidence of this.

But Ha aretz omitted to mention the most important aspect of the whole issue - that Jewish law is a source of Israeli law, by order of the Knesset (during Meoachem) Begin's premiership.) How, then, is one to draw effec-

tively on Jewish law without the participation of those fully qualified in it? Aharon Barak's suggestion deserves total support, even if his preferred candidate has It is important that the haredi

community be aware that the president of the Supreme Court is trying to introduce a higher degree of halachic input into the decisions of his court. Certainly the well of Jewish law

Sunday trading, such as then existed in the UK. compassionate, tolerant, at its best progressive - can be used as mine whether such an interpretaa source of justice in the Jewish tion could prevail over the fourth commandment (to keep the

The writer is a lawyer qualified in English and Israeli law.

### **Justice** asleep

JAY BUSHINSKY

If the same degree of effort and publicity afforded the current quest for Jewish assets lost during the Holocaust had been devoted to searching for the Nazis guilty of crimes against humanity. the postwar world would have averted one of its greatest moral transgressions.

But it was not to be. The victorious World War II Allies failed to live up to their leaders' warning that the perpetrators of systematic genocide would be severely pun-

The Jews who survived the death camps and slave labor details were too weak and politically helpless to pursue and cap-

ture their tormentors.

And the State of Israel, which gained its independence three years after Nazi Germany's capitulation, was too distracted by its own war for survival and by its need to integrate hundreds of thousands of Jewish newcomers to allocate its thenmeager resources to tracking down the mass murderers still

at large. Power politics caused a premature halt to the Allies' initial "denazification" program and their concomitant conduct of war crimes trials like the International and American Tribunals at

Nuremberg. It became evident to the American and British military commanders based in Hitler's former Third Reich that Germany's industrial might had to be reactivated and its population rehabilitated as rapidly as possible to buttress the West's confrontation with the newly-victorious USSR

In short, the Cold War took precedence over the principle that wanton bloodshed cannot go unpunished.

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And Zionism's basic objectives, especially the strengthen-

Have we decided to allow Nazi war criminals who are still alive to enjoy a tranquil old age?

ing of the Jewish people's control over as much of pre-1948 Palestine as possible, took priority over the pursuit of fiends like Dr. Josef Mengele, Auschwitz's "angel of death," and Alois Brunner, sadistic commandant of the Drancy and Sered transit camps in Fraoce

and Slovakia. The US was particularly amoral on this score. After letting hundreds of mass murderers, including Brunner, slip out of the American Army's detection camps, it recruited dozens of wartime SS intelligence officers as agents of the newly-reconstituted Central Intelligence Agency. Ironically, these men were regarded as experts in Eastern Europe, and were assumed to have useful contacts in the various Soviet Bloc states.

Wheo the Mossad captured Adolf Eichmann, who masterminded the systematic slaughter of European Jewry, there was no official Israeli framework capable of preparing the Jewish people's case against him.

A special police department known as '06' was created especially for the Eichmann trial. Although it remained in existence afterwards as the Nazi Crimes Investigation unit, this was a shoestring operation with a minuscule budget and minimal personnel.

STILL, it was surprising to me that in all the oratory, ceremony and documentary material prompted by the annual observance of Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, nothing was said about the need to bring the perpetrators still alive to tustice. No mention was made of the

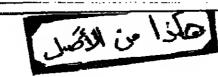
US Justice Department's Office of Special Operations, and its exposure of former death camp guards and legal proceedings against them. Nor was anything said about Canada's, Great Britain's and Australia's belated crackdown against the SS men within their borders.

There were no references to France's agonized and long-overdue decision to prosecute the collaborationist Vichy Regime's accessories to Nazi geoocide, people like Maurice Papon and the late Paul Touvier.

This isn't a matter of vengeance foreswom by a heartbroken, traumatized remnant of the world's pre-1939 Jewish poptilation. It is the failure to fulfill an obligation owed to those whose rage and accusations cannot be heard from their mass

The writer is a veteran foreign correspondent.

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GRAPEVINE

Weizman seeks independence

By GREER FAY CASHIMAN

t the close of his brief wel-Coming address to guests attending the annual Independence Day reception for diplomats at Beit Hanassi, President Ezer Weizman announced his own impending independence. The walker which he has used since his accident and subsequent surgery a couple of months back "will be disappearing within a few weeks," he disclosed. Earlier in the day, he temporarily dispensed with the walker when he approached the podium to speak at a ceremony honoring 120



Weizman: (Almost) standing on his own feet again (Isaac Harari)

outstanding soldiers, but decided afterwards that it is still too soon to discard it entirely.

In an attempt to get the peace process back on track, Weizman is not only talking to Yasser Arafat, but to US peace eovoy Dennis Ross. One of the guests at the Independence Day reception for the diplomatic community, Ross aod US Ambassador Martin Indyk (whose wife Jill was dressed in a horizontally striped blue and white suit in the colors of the Israeli flag) left other diplomats traversing the lawns of Beit Hanassi as they followed Weizman inside the building for a private confab.

Earlier Ross had a tete a tete with Egyptian Antbassador Mohammed Bassiouny, and then with Foreign Minister David still alive to end Levy. When Weizman disaptranqui: old an peared with Ross and Indyk in tow, Levy remained outside in a quiet corner of the garden engrossed in conversation with Bassiouny and Foreign Ministry director-general Eitan Bentsur.

> THE BUSY social whirl in the diplomatic community puts a lot of pressure on female diplomats and wives of male diplomats. There's a limit to how often they can wear the same outfit, and few of them have the budget to keep on buying something new. Former second-hand clothing store proprictress Sonia Lew, the wife of Daniel Lew, Honorary Consul for Papua New Guinea, spied some of her former clients at Beit Hanassi, but was too discreet to say who they were.

LIKE HIS cousin, television newsman and stage actor Emanuel Halperin, Likud MK Benny Begin has an innate sense of theater. Thus last Friday, in the. midst of his anti-Oslo accords address to the Labor Party's Jerusalem branch convention, Begin, who was citing Labor leadership hopeful Yossi Beilin. stopped in mid-sentence as Beilin

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entered the hall, declaring: "It's always like that with you people. I mention someone, and he comes in. I intend to mention Ehud [Barak] before the end, so he still has 20 minutes to show up." True to form. Barak came late, just after Begin had commented on his platform, but still in time to hear the tail end of Begin's remarks. Begin interrupted himself again to announce, "see, I said Ehud Barak, and he arrived."

Though cheered by his own campaign team. Barak drew far less applause than Beilio from the Jerusalem electorate, which also enthusiasucally applauded both Begin and Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, who was a minister in the previous Likud-led government. Milo, who does not share Begin's views on the peace process, said that he would nonetheless vote for him if he ran for prime minister because of Begin's honesty and integrity.

There was hardly any heckling when Begin spoke, and after he concluded, many Laborites stood up to shake bis hand. When Jerusalem branch secretary Haim Cohen sought to sileoce the few people who disrupted the proceedings, Begin made a conciliatory gesture with his hand, saying, Haim, it's okay. I feel much more at ease here than in the Knesset."

THE FACT that Russian chess champion Garry Kasparov was defeated io a technical knockout by IBM's Deep Blue computer



Porat: Training future chess champions (Eliahu Harati)

only poses a greater challenge for other potential champions. This may explain why National Religious Party MK Hanan Porat spent so much time on Independence Day coaching Kibbutz Kfar Etzion youngsters in the intricacies of the game. Others were also able to pick up pointers since the exercise was performed on a giant chessboard set out under the trees on the kibbutz lawns.

A MISHAP in the cockpit of the private plane taking him to Carnes prevented Sylvester Stallone from attending the celebrated film festival. Tragedy was narrowly averted when the pilot made an emergency landing.

THE TIMING was almost perfect. Terry Hatcher, who plays Lois Lane in the Superman series Lois ond Clark, and who landed the role as the latest James Bond girlfriend, has announced that she is months pregnant, three Fortunately she's finished shooting most of her scenes in the new James Bond movie, so a bulging tummy is unlikely to get in the way of her career.

& PIANO

# US moms pine for '50s-style family

By SUSAN BAER

others today are having such a hard time balanc-Ling the demands of family and work that they are looking back wistfully to the traditional Leave It To Beaver-type family structure and doubting their own success in raising their children. according to a survey in the US.

In a poll of American women by the Pew Research Center For The People & The Press, 41 per-cent said they thought that a family in which the father worked and the mother stayed at home was best for raising children.

Only 17% said it was beneficial for children and society to have mothers work outside the home, and 37% said it made no difference.

Even among women who work full time, only 41% said they were confident that their situation was good for their children. And perhaps surprisingly, cotlege graduates were the most negative about the increase of moms in the workplace.

This is a strong indictment on the part of mothers these days. and women in general, about the way kids are being raised," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center, "Mothers don't even give themselves overwhelmingly good marks."

When asked to compare themselves with their own mothers. most women - 56% - said they thought they were less capable. Only 11% thought they were doing a better job. The vast majority - 81% - said they thought the job of motheriog today was more difficult than it was 20 or 30 years ago.

For all their doubts about working moms - and about how able they are as mothers - most women said that in an ideal world, they would prefer to work rather than be stay-at-home moth-

But among those with children under 18, 44% said they would choose to work part-time rather than full-time. Only one in four said that, if given a choice, they would prefer to stay at home.



The survey, released thing like school functions." Thursday on the eve of the Moms who work part-time or Mother's Day weekend in the US, stay at home said that disciplining was based oo interviews with 1,101 adult women, both married and single, mothers and non-

The margin of error was plus or minus three percentage points. Although women may be looking back fondly to the 1950s ver-sion of family life, where dad generally went to work and morn generally stayed at home, they

mothers.

are acknowledging that "the changes in the structure of American family are here to stay," Kobut says. Mothers who work full-time said time pressures were the most difficult problems they faced. When they were interviewed by the Pew Research Center, they

cited such difficulties as "drop-

ping him off at his baby-sitter's

so I could be at work by 6 a.m."

and "not being there for every-

their children was the most difficult aspect of being a mother. Kohut said the survey reflected

the ideal family structure for raising children.

For instance, only 17% of women said they thought that divorced couples who split cusgood job of parenting.

The good news in the poll is that womeo in general say they are satisfied with their lives, with mothers whose children are grown the most satisfied and single moms the least satisfied.

"a tremendous amount of conservatism" in women's views about

tody of their children can do a Similarly, 65% were opposed to

single womeo having children, and 56% thought il was detrimental to society to bave gays and lesbians raising children.

(The Baltimore Sun)

**Not Page One** 

The ReCon

reckoning

"Nu?" "Five hundred big ones." "Million?"

lected for Israel this year,"

By Sam Orbaum

"Uh, no." "Billion?!"

"No. Five hundred dollars." "Must be the recession."

"No, the repression. Diaspora Jews are mad, mad, mad, and they're not going to take it anymore. They say something about building a Jewish state with their

own interests in mind." "No kidding. Where?"

"You're sinin' in it." All they have to do is create a nationwide infrastructure social, cultural, religious, educational, economic - thus winning popular admiration and support, a successful method used by street-wise Shas.

Think of what an alternative school system would do to enhance the influence of the fortorn Reform and Conservative sects. A hundred schools, from Metulia to Eilat, with high academic standards, preaching both enlightenment and Jewish tradition - and absolutely free, funded entirely by diverted dona-

Such a system already exists (except that it's no more free than the rest of Israel's expensive free education) in the 30

#### Think of what an alternative school system would do to enhance the influence of the foriorn Reform and Conservative sects.

they may have thought, influential in Israel.

There is an answer to the

perennial question "Who is

It's a Jewish answer: "Who can

say?"
The Orthodox believe they have the answer to both: "We"

Now, the Reform and

Conservative movements have

come up with a response of their own: "\$\$."

component of our exhaustingly

disputations tribe is madder'n

hell about the government's sup-port for Orthodox exclusivity

regarding conversions, the straw

that finally broke this Jewish

camel's back. No more blank

checks to the State of Israel.

vide funding for haredi yeshivot

while our Israeli brethren can't

scrounge grushim for our own

institutions? Brilliantly logical

that they should funnel their

The ReCons' laden devotees in

America are tired of being

diminished and discredited by a

cadre of stern rabbis on the other

side of the world. The shock for

them is that, with governmental

collusion supporting the issue,

the ReCons are left to stare at

their delusions: they are not, as

own money to their own inter-

they say: what we should pro-

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and "Us." No apologies.

a Jew?"

Now, they're saying to the people who run this country, you've gooe too far. Cut us out of this circumcision business, and you've bitten off more than you can chew. Or something like

a strong minority: American democratic values versus Israeli theocratic realities; religious freedom versus political wheeler-dealing; "us" Jews versus "them" Jews (or, depending on your predilections, "them" ver-

It'll get really interesting if the ReCons carry through their threat, and put their money where their pout is.

There are two approaches they could take to establish influence in this country. Let's call them (a) and, ah, what the heck, (b).

(a) They believe they have justice and reason and morality on their side, but so what? They don't have political clout here, and nothing else counts for much here except, maybe, money.

And money they have. They let us have lots of it, naively assuming their donations make them investors in a partnership with this country, believing we appreciate every bundred million. Imagine one day UJA in New

York calls the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. "Unprecedented year. Beyond our wildest dreams. You wouldn't believe what we col-

Tali schools. Conceived by the Conservatives (and supported by Conservative and Reform), Tali is popular enough to maintain waiting lists so long, you pretty much have to register your child as soon as he's born.

Starting with free day-care. vibrant socio-cultural programs This is an interesting con- and a no-nonsense primary-secfrootation between incon- ondary system offering enriched gruities: a weak majority versus education on a par with Diaspora Jewish schools, non-Orthodol Israelis would go gaga.

Conservative and Reform here is more traditional than abroad. They could easily fill a crying need for quality - let me rephrase that: quolity education in the vast niche between the secular and Orthodox streams.

Of course, the last thing the haredim want is their hated rivals stealing kids away from their grasp and inculcating them under

the guise of "Jewish tradition." The Jewish Agency would be frantic. The secular school system would scramble to adapt. The haredim would be tweaked when the government starts saying: "But on the other hand.... And those nice bareheaded vidn who fly here once a year to check on their plaques would find they have, finally, some

influence here. Then there's (b): instead of sending their money, a million of them could bring it, as immigraots. Instead of building schools, they could populate them. Instead of demanding their rights as Zionists, they could win them as Israelis.

#### PARENTING

### Newsletter helps new parents

By RUTH MASON

Taving a baby - especially your first - is a wonderful but sometimes overwhelming experi-Lence. There's so much to know and we have to learn much of it on our own. And the proliferation of research into iofant and child development in the last few decades has yielded a vast - almost overwhelming - amount of information.

For those pareots who wants a quick and easy update on their child's development, a group of American experts has put together Growing Child, a month-by-month newsletter about what your child is doing, thinking, experiencing and looking like.

The first newsletter, called Birth, tells you what to expect from your newborn: Much to many new parents' surprise, a newborn's skin will be red and scaly and it's nose may look flat. And the baby's head accounts for one quarter of it's body size!

The same issue contains short articles on the importance of the old-fashioned rocking chair, your baby's intelligence, breast feeding, bottle feeding and a checklist for calling your doctor.

Each issue also contains a box listing what your baby likes to do at this age (e.g. stare at movement and light, be held and rocked) and what you should give your baby (head support when lifting or bolding her, the sound of your voice talking and singing, your

The monthly newsletter talks about newborn reflexes, a oewborn's vision and the importance of talking to your baby. The authors cite studies, but write in a very readable, popular style. Each newsletter is six pages and contains illustrations and photos. The newsletters continue monthly until the age of six. The newsletters are a quick, handy reference for

developmental milestones, ideas of what to do with and for your baby and child at different ages and what physical and emotional changes to expect at different ages and stages. I would take the emphasis on early stimulation with

a grain of sait. Most normal babies will develop just fine with a lot of love, physical and social contact and the freedom to move and explore. Not everyone believes, as these authors do, that parents need to actively stimulate their babies with visioo-grabbing black-and-white mobiles or special educational toys. Despite this emphasis, the newsletter is well-written and worthwhile.

Subscriptions in the US cost \$15 and include a monthly supplement called Growing Parent. For information on overseas subscriptions, write to Growing Child, 22 North Second Street, Box 620, Lafayette, Indiana 47902-0620, USA.

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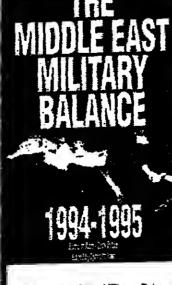
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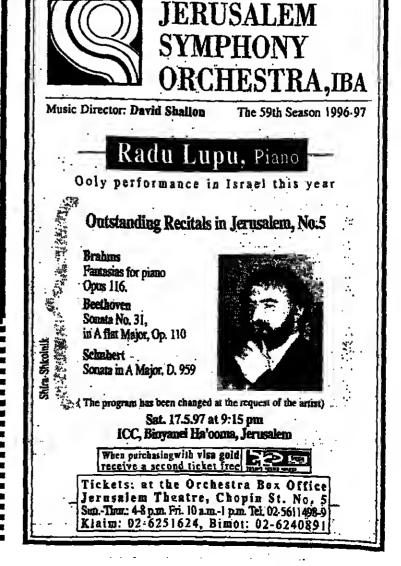
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#### Loeb auction fetches \$92 million

One of the world's last great art collections still in private hands feiched \$92.7 million at auction on Monday, setting a record price for a Toulouse-Lautrec and second highest prices for works by Cezanne and Manet. The 29 works from the impressionist collection of New York art lovers Wall Street banker John Loeb and his wife Francine, became the highest total for a single-owner sale in Christie's New York history.

#### Merhav posts ninth profitable quarter in row

The Merhav Group yesterday announced first quarter net profits of NIS 2.4 million, similar to the same period last year, and a ninth successive profitable quarter, the company announced. Sales totalled dropped NIS2.9m. to NIS 48.2m. The Herzliyabased group, which offers financial services, and participates in international energy and infrastructure projects, said sales were down because of the slowdown in the construction sector.

#### Sderot firm, American Airlines in \$2m. deal

Sderot-based Extra Plastic Ltd. has won a \$2 million contract to supply American Airlines with 30 million plastic bags over the next three years. The extra strong bags will be used on board AA aircraft. Extra Plastic Ltd. employs 120 people and reported

### Israeli, Croatian arms firms mull cooperation

#### By STEVE RODAN

Croatian and Israeli defense contractors are discussing joint marketing and development in such areas as naval vessels and upgrades of former Soviet equipment, officials and industry sources said yesterday.

They said the defense cooperation would be implemented once diplomatic ties are established with

Nikola Grabic, mayor of Split, home of Croatia's shipbuilding industry, said yesterday that Israeli cooperation in this field represents a lucrative area. "We have had talks in the [Croatian] shipyards itself regarding this issue," he said. 'This is one of the fields of cooperation that we intend to implement." Grabic, who is visiting Israel, said the talks between Israeli and

was interesting to note the joint ven-ture for third markets," he said. "These were the essential talks on cooperation, Now the time has come for more direct talks. We hope that with diplomatic relations we can talk more precisely about business."

Grabic said Israel could also pro-

vide technology to Croatian ships, particularly in the areas of computer systems and navigation. Croaoa manufactures a range of vessels, including submarines and patrol

Last month, Croatian deputy Economics Minister Jasna Boric said defense cooperation carries the greatest potential in economic relations with Israel.

An Israeli defense source confirmed the contacts between Croatian 'and Israeli contractors. "What we are talking about is joint Croatian defense contractors had been at the exploratory stage.
"In the last talks we have had, it just exploring ideas."

marketing to third countries," the source said. "At this point, we are just exploring ideas."

# Finance Ministry seeks to redefine property taxes

Proposals include alternatives for property gains tax

#### By DAVID HARRIS

Wide-ranging plans for reforms in property tax will form one of the central planks of the soon-tobe-published State Reveoues Department's annual report, the Finance Ministry announced this

The Treasury released a summary of some of the main recommen-dations contained in the docu-

Among the proposals are:
• Increasing the basis for the annual property tax by abolishing

or reducing many of the exemp-tions available, therefore allowing for a lower tax than the current 2.5 percent. This tax would also replace other existing real estate

Various options for implementing this change are being examined, including turning the tax into a one-time sales tax (similar to that proposed two weeks ago by the Gabbai committee).

· Two alternatives will be offered to replace the existing property gains tax: the imposition of two uniform low percentage taxes, one on apartments and a second on real estate; or. conversely, the abolition of the property gains tax and its replacement with a flat value-based tax.

There would be no abolition of or change to the existing property

The report falls short of the Gabbai proposal to completely

abolish the existing property tax, and if adopted will be seen as a further slight to deputy Finance Minister David Magen, who fully endorsed the Gabbai proposals, which had received a less than warm reception from Income Tax

The new report will also attempt to explain the failure to meet govemment revenue estimates in 1996 and give the estimate for the current financial year. The document produced by State Revenue Administration head Tsipi Galyam will point out that much of the shortfall comprised a lack of taxes on real estate because of the slowdown in the construction industry. Additionally, there was a substantial reduction in the number of

Commissioner Doron Levy.

businesses and a significant updating of the purchase tax brackets. The overall annual 1996 target

budget deficit of NIS 7.609 billion was surpassed after the first eight months, but despite this Finance Minister Dan Meridor expressed full satisfaction in his officers, even extending Galyam's contract for a further two years.

The report will also show that of apartments purchased in 1995, 36.5% cost under NIS 300,000, 45.4% cost between NIS 301,000 and NIS 600,000 and 19.1% upwards of NIS 601,000.

The report will also contain a

detailed study of women and taxa-tion — including income levels, equality and the tax burden, vehicle taxation, sales tax, and VAT.

### Central bank: No plan to change shekel devaluation pace

#### By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Bank of Israel has denied reports it intends to change the pace of the shekel's devaluation within the so-called diagonal mechanism.

The denial was issued following a report in *Ha'aretz* which alleged the central bank intends redrawing the axis around which all shekel trading

That axis, which describes the difference between Israel's inflation target and its major trading partners' expected inflation, is currently geared toward an annual six percent depreciation of the shekel in relation to the central bank's basket of major foreign currencies.

The Bank of Israel allows the shekel to appreciate or depreciate up to 7% from the middle point of that axis, which graphically is a diagonal line running along a 12-month peri-od. Since 1993, the central bank has set this middle line at 6%, but according to the report the bank intends reducing that figure to 4%.

"Such a plan has never been discussed at the bank," according to a central bank statement this week. However, the central bank would

not rule out a possible change to the diagonal mechanism at some point in the future. "Only after the government makes

a decision with regard to the infla-tion target for 1998 will it be possible to discuss any changes, if at all," the statement said. It is known that some senior fig-

ures in the bank, including David Klein, the head of its monetary division, want to see a degree of change in the diagonal mechanism if not its abolition.

The currencies used against the shekel in the mechanism are the US dollar, Japanese yen, German mark, British pound and French franc. There have been increasing calls from the Treasury and economists for the central bank to make changes to the mechanism, particularly since the dollar is continuing to gain strength against the shekel, causing the bank to purchase large sums of

foreign currency. "The new dollar record has nothing to do with our policy on the diag-onal," a central bank spokesman said recently.

There is support for the bank's stance from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's economics adviser Moshe Leon. However, he too is concerned by the cost to the WORK.

State budget director David Milgrom last week claimed the bank's mechanism policy cost the taxpayer some NIS 2 billion in 1996, which contributed to the need for a 1997 budget cut of NIS 7.26.

The bank responded by suggesting that the cost to the state of not keeping to the framework would have come in the form of higher

A possible solution to the issue would be the central-bank proposed, immediate liberalization of the currency market. This would allow for an initial revaluation, according to economist Dan Galai, the joint managing director of Sigma Portfolio Selection

Consulting & Management Ltd.
In the late summer, the central bank handed a list of liberalization recommendations to the Treasury for its consideration.

While "deliberations are ongo-

ing," according to a ministry spokesman, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel is becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the Treasury's failure to formally respond to the proposals.



#### **Bracing for Australia's budget**

Futures traders make signals on the floor of the Sydney Futures Exchange yesterday as the federal budget is banded down by Treasurer Peter Costello. Australia's mid-term budget sent the dollar lower against the US currency, but economists said the budget should be accepted quite well overall by markets.

### Arison wants Goldman Sachs, Soros for Hapoalim bid

#### By ORNA RAVIV

US-based businessman Ted Artson is seeking to recruit the Goldman Sachs investment bank and world renown financier George Soros to the group with which he is bidding for a controlling share of Bank Hapoalim.

Goldman Sachs and Soros were originally partners in a group which competed in the previous

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tender for Bank Hapoalim, along with Arison and Claridge, but ultimately withdrew from that

In the current tender, Arison is compeong at the head of a group which includes, among others, Claridge, the Dankner group, the Hyperion fund of the US, and businessman Len Abramson.

Industry insiders believe Arison is aiming to strengthen the group,

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fearing that some of his current partners may withdraw by the end of the tender process, though various sources within the group denied that any partners are planning to withdraw.

The sources also confirmed that there have been contacts with Soros and Goldman Sachs, but added that there was "no real progress at this stage."

Should there be withdrawals from the group eventually, those might come following Supervisor Banks Ze'ev Abeles's tightening of the regulations governing the amount of credit a partner in the controlling interest in a bank

may take from that bank. According to the Bank of Israel's new regulations, the amount of credit which a commercial bank may extend to partners in the controlling interest may not exceed 10 percent of the bank's overall capital.

### Rafael Eitan speaks at desert forum despite Arab protests

#### By DAVID HARRIS

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan yesterday addressed the Asian anti-desertification conference in Beijing, despite repeated attempts by Arab representatives to prevent Israel's participation. according to the ministry

The morning session of the conference was canceled when Arab delegates objected to Eitan speaking from the podium.

The Arab nadons present at the conference, lead by the Saudis are objecting to Israel's participation on the basis that it is not a member of the Asian bloc at the United Nacions.

The hosts China, together with others, including India and Japan, maintain Israel has a right to attend the conference as an Asian

After Eitan left the auditorium, a round of negotiations was held

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between the organizers and the Arabs in an attempt to resolve the stand-off, according to the ministry spokesman.

At 2:30 p.m. Beljing time, Eitan received a call at his hotel asking him to return to the conference to address those taking part. The Chinese ruled that as there

are no scheduled votes at the conference, it can be deemed to be an informal event. The Arabs finally agreed not to interject if Eitan were to speak.

The delegates from Lebanon, Iran and Iraq staged a walkout as Eitan reached the lectern to begin his However, those from Jordan, Yemen, Pakisian, Oman, Qatar,

and the United Arab Emirates remained in the auditorium, the ministry spokesman said. Before Eitan left for China it

was clear the Arab delegations would object to his participation, but China and India led a cam-

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arid. "Israel is one of the only nations in Asia that has arid areas but despite that is not affected by desertification," he said, according to the "[Israel] will be delighted to con-

Chinese said.

tinue to help others on the basis of its experiences and also to learn from others." Later in the day, Chinese deputy

paign to eosure Israel's full inclu-

Israel is seen as being one of the

world's leading nations in the

field, and as such can offer much

to many of those taking part, the

During his speech, Eitan point-

ed out that while Israel comprises

just 0.005 percent of Asia, some

90% of the country is considered

Prime Minister Jiang Chunyum apologized in person to Eitan after the day's events, saying, "this is not what we wanted," according to the ministry spokesman.

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\* -The national unity option and early elections were followed by the strange presidency which he

had custom-tailored for himself. Labor showed a will to live when it refused Peres's whims. That may be a worrying message for the Likud which will find itself opposed by new faces. But the question of whether Peres will really accept the delegates' judgment remains to be answered.

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Peres is full of political pep and his irrepressibility was shown by his rambling speech about socialism last night, after he already knew that he had taken a savage beating. He seemed to deliver a victory address, as if nothing unpleasant had happened.
With such resolve, Peres can

has nothing to lose.

But Barak has everything to

Yesterday's vote left no doubt that he will win the primary in three weeks. But to a large extent his political future will depend on his ability to heal Peres's gaping

#### MEETING Continued from Page 2

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that regardless of security coordination with Israel it would be very difficult for a terrorist to cross the border into Israel because of the care that the PA is taking to secure its economic lifeline.

TASE ROUNDUP

### **Teva up 2.75%** as indexes rise

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BY DAN GERSTENFELD

Shares closed broadly higher yesterday following the rise Monday of Israeli shares traded on Nasdaq and boosted by falling

bond yields, traders said. The benchmark Mishtanim index of the top 100 shares rose 1.56 percent, or 4.05 points, to

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263.77 on an all-share turnover of NIS138 against NIS118m. on Thursday, which was the last day of trading due to Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars and Independence Day. The Maof 25 blue chip index

closed 1.35% higher at 272.10. The market looks very good and investors are optimistic. The recent rise of Israeli shares traded in New York adds to the positive mood." said Ronen Kaufman of Nesuan Trading and Investments.

Zvi Hoffman of Meitav Investments and Securities added that investors gained confidence from falling yields on long CPIlinked bonds. "Declining yields are a very positive sign for the

market. This, together with the rise of Israeli shares on Wall Street, helped the market rise today," he said. "One of the main reasons for the positive mood is that there are not many sellers and the market is rising sharply on moderate volume. The fact that foreign investors were also very active buying today adds to the optimism."

The most active shares were Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which rose 2.75% to 19,468 agorot on turnover of NIS 9.7m.; Israel Chemicals, which fell 0.25% to 395 on volume of NIS 7.1 m.; and Bank Hapoalim, which gained 2.0% to 718 agorot on volume of NIS 5.9m. (Reuter)

#### WORLDD MARKET ROUNDUP

### European stocks close at record highs

LONDON (Reuter) - Leading European share markets finished at record closing levels yesterday despite slipping from new trading highs earlier in the day after Wall Street, their inspiration, turned

On the foreign exchange markets, the dollar held steady as Japanese officials managed to halt a slide they provoked last week, while sterling firmed on signs that British interest rates would rise.

in London and Germany record highs - in the morning as investors reacted to Monday's 1.72 percent surge on Wall Street. But the Europeans were often

reluctant buyers, as some analysts and traders said the markets were overbought and a correction was

In London, the FISE 100 climbed for the 11th consecutive

of 4,720.3 points. This was in reaction to Wall Street's surge overnight when investors gambled that the US Federal Reserve would not put up interest rates when it holds a policy meetingnext

Stock markets all hit their highs

likely sooner or later.

Tuesday.

But the London market turned after the Bank of England, newly empowered by the Labor government to decide interest rates, said that a further moderate tightening of British monetary policy would be needed.

Wall Street rose again briefly after the opening yesterday following relatively weak April retail sales. But by the time European markets closed the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 22.25 points (0.31%) at 7,270.50

due to profit-taking.
This dragged the FISE down almost 30 points from the record high to close at 4,691.0, still 21.4 to an early intraday record points, or 0.46% up on the day.

#### WALL STREET REPORT

### Dow slips after passing 7,300

as profit-taking spoiled the Dow Jones industrial average's bid to close above the 7,300-point level for the first time.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow closed down

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks were lower yesterday ing a brief rally to a high of ing a brief rally to a high of 7,315.83.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 13-11 on active volume of 493 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

#### WHERE TO GO LONDON METAL FIXES

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> Gen. Ya'acov Orr, the government coordinator, who was a guest of Abu Yusef's at the crossing, was quoted by his spokesman as saying, "We have to stop talking about collaboration and start talking about a partnership,

### **SPORTS**

in brief

#### Sinai to coach Maccabi Petah Tikva

Moshe Sinai will take over as coach of Maccabi Petah Tikva next season, the club announced yesterday.

Sinai, who earlier this year was fired as manager of Hapoel Tel Aviv after six seasons in charge, signed a one-year contract with Petah Tikva club heads, brothers Avi and Amos Luzon, estimated to be worth \$90,000.

Other clubs are also looking to hire new coaches next season but nothing has been finalized yet. Among the moves being discussed are those of Betar Jerusalem coach Eli Cohen who is said to be heading for Hapoel Haifa, while Dror Kashtan, who took over from Sinai, looks to be Betar bound.

#### Aston Villa complete signing of Collymore

BIRMINGHAM (Reuter) - Aston Villa completed the signing of Liverpool and England striker Stan Collymore yesterday for a club record fee of £7 million (\$11.4 million).

The deal takes the 26-year-old former Nottingaham Forest forward's total transfer fees over the last four years to £17.7 million. Collymore, who cost liverpool a then British record £8.5 million when he moved to Anfield in June 1995, signed a four-year contract with Villa with a further one year option.

"I used to support Ville as a boy so this is really a dream move home for me," said Collymore who lives only 30 minutes from Villa's training ground.

#### 59 held after Bucharest stadium violence

BUCHAREST (Reuter) - Romanian authorities have detained 59 soccer fans and fined 1,000 others since supporters set fire to a stand in a Bucharest stadium before a derby match last weekend,

A police spokesman said an inquiry was contiouing into the actions of the 59 fans held in Bucharest jails since last Saturday's match in which Steaua Bucharest beat arch-rivals Dinamo. The others, charged with minor public order offences, were

monthly wages stand at about \$80. More than 700 seats were destroyed and police herded some 2.000 supporters out of the stadium into parking lots to identify troublemakers. There were no injuries and the match was delayed

fined the equivalent of \$3 to \$17 in a country where average

#### Unknown marksman shoots Spanish referee

MADRID (Reuter) - Spanish police are looking for somebody who shot a referee in the arm during a regional league game.

Jose Miguel del Rio had a pellet removed after being hit while booking a player in Sunday's match between Santa Cruz and Lovio, at which there were only 50 spectators.

"The ground is next to a forest, and I'm sure the shot came from there ... I don't believe it was an accident," said del Rio.



### Jazz beat Lakers, reach conference final, Knicks up 3-1

Canada forces third game Karl Malone scored six of his 32 points in overtime and grabbed 20 rebounds to lead the Utah Jazz in world ice hockey finals into the Western Conference HELSINKI (Reuter) - Canada the second when Sanderson broke finals with a tough 98-93 win out of an eight game scoring slump to give them a 1-0 lead. over the young Los Angeles Lakers Mooday.
"It was a hardfought victory,"

swung around behind the Sweden said Malone. "They played their butts off. net and snapped a wristshot off they gave us all we could handle."
The Jazz's 4-1 victory in the Salo's mask, the puck deflecting in

off Sanderson's stick. Less than two minutes later Sweden levelled the score on a powerplay by Per Eklund. Carter sent Canada into the sec-

Travis Green set up the goal as he

ond intermission up 2-1 when the Boston Bruin center took a return pass from Chris Gratton and slapped it into the empty nel Montreal Canadieos Mark

by New York Islander goaltender Tommy Salo in the Sweden net. Recchi added an insurance goal Canada outshot the Swedes 14-8 early in the third when his weak but were unable to beat the all-star wrist shot, drifted between Salo's netminder until midway through

SALT LAKE CITY (Reuter) - with a flurry of cboke shots at These included an air ball from

25-year-old Nick Van Exel, who led Los Angeles with 26 points, and 18-year-old Kobe Bryant who bad an air ball on a potential game-winner at the end of regulation and three more bad misses,

two of them air balls, in overtime. The Lakers 25-year-old centre Shaquille O'Neal fouled out with 1:46 remaining in regulation and Los Angeles leading by three. He finished with 23 points and 13

John Stockton had 24 points on 11-of-13 shooting from the field and 10 assists and Russell added 22 points for the Jazz.

The Jazz extended their home winning streak to 19 games and improved to 43-3 at the Delta Center this season. Utah has the homecourt advantage in the West

In New York, Starks, who hit just 5-of-24 shots from the field in the first three games of the series, converted 9-of-12 this

New York could close out the series by winning Game 5 tonight in Miami. The Knicks, who are 6-1 in the postseason, bave won three of four games at Miami this season.

Allan Houston scored 15 of bis points in the first half when the Knicks built a 15-point lead. Houston had 10 points and Starks eight in a decisive 21-5 second-

quarter run. Miami bit just 3-of-13 shots from the field and missed 7-of-15 free throws in the second quarter when they were outscored 28-14, giving New York a 51-36 halftime lead. The Knicks shot 60 perceot from the field (9-of-15) in the quarter.

#### SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL - Monday's NL games: Atlanta 10, Pittsburgh 2; Colorado 9, Philadelphia 2; Florida II, Houston 4, Monday's AL games: Milwankes 9, Senttle 8; Minuesota 12, Toronto 2; Texas 4, Scattle 8; Miguesota 12 Cieveland 2; Baltimo rveland 2; Baltimore 5, Oakland 1; sheim 16, Chicago White Sox 8.

CRICKET - Benson and Hedges Cup results yesterday: At Derby: Warwickshire beat Derbyshire by one wicket. At Lord's: Somerset beat Middlesex by

### Barcelona favorites for fourth Cup Winners crown

ROTTERDAM (Reuter) Barcelona will be without their hardtackling defender Miguel Angel Nadal when they attempt to win the European Cup Winners' Cup for an unprecedented fourth time against holders Paris St Germain tonight.

Nadal was sent off during the sec-ond leg of Barcelona's semifinal victory over Fiorentina which earned him a two-match ban.

But Bobby Robson is expected to recall French defender Laurent Blanc to the side after Blanc missed Saurday's 1-0 Spanish league win over Real Madrid through injury. Brazilian Giovanni, injured against

Real, is expected to be fit but will probably be on the bench rather than in the starting line-up. Barcelona's preparations for the match were hit yesterday when their

flight to Rotterdam was delayed for four hours because of a bomb scare. Initially the players were in good spirits but, as the delay lengthened, Robson and the rest of the squad became decidedly irritable and finally got to their beds well past midnight.

The match could well be an open, attacking one, with a fascinating battle in prospect between Ronaldo, Barcelona's Brazilian who has scored 32 goals this season, and the Brazilians in the French side,

Leonardo and Rai.

PSG showed in the second leg of their semifinal against Liverpool that they can withstand an attacking bombardment because although they lost that match 2-0 they still went through 3-2 on aggregate after destroying Liverpool with a controlled attacking

display in the first leg.
PSG have no suspensions to worry about and are expected to field their strongest side as they bid to become the first team in the competition's 36year history to retain the trophy.

"Barcelona have been better organized in recent weeks but I can't see any big difference between us and them," PSG's Brazilian const Ricardo said.

"I'm not building a team to counter Ronaldo, Giovanni, Figo or De la Pena. In a final you must express yourself. Few teams have won a final by relying on counter-attacks alone." Ricardo, however, has a special plan to counter Ronaldo, a player he knows from training camps with Brazil in 1994, by assigning Bruno N'Gotty to shadow him.

"I always play my best matches against the best players.

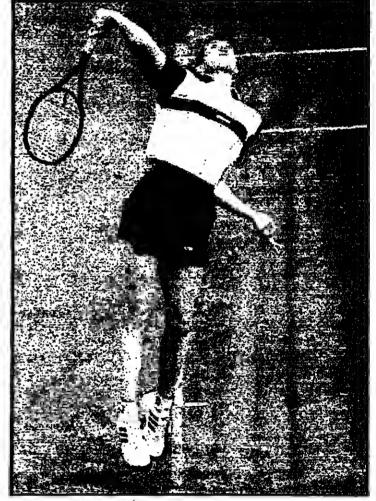
Personally, I wish to become one of the best defenders there is and it's a fine opportunity to prove what I can do," N'Gotty said.

### Sampras dumped in Rome

ROME (Reuter) - Top seed and world No. I Pete Sampras crashed out of the Italian Open in the first round yesterday to old friend and unseeded fellow-American Jim Courier 7-6(7-5). 6-4.

It was the secood clay court tournament in a row where Sampras had gone out in his first match. He was beaten by Sweden's Magnus Larsson at Moote Carlo last month in his opening clay tournament of the year after a first round bye.

The departure of Sampras left the Italian Open without its top two seeds. Secood seed Michael Chang had earlier lost to unseeded Argentine Hernan Gumy 6-3, 6-2. Irooically, it was Gumy who dumped Courier out of the tournament last year.



STRUGGLING TO VICTORY - Steffi Graf, playing ber first match after three months out with a knee injury, struggled to a three sets win over American Chanda Rubin at the German Open in Berlin yesterday. Graf, who lost her world No. 1 ranking to Swiss Martina Hingis in March, triumphed 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. (Remer)

#### LOCAL SCENE

### Yael Arad tops Olympic poll

By HEATHER CHAIT

The Israel Olympic Committee is giving athletes a say in its administration after it held elections last week to choose four sports representatives to sit on its committee.

Ex-judoka and Olympic silver

medalist Yael Arad, who turned 30

last week, won the elections held for past and present sportspeople who competed in the past three Olympics. Sixty-two athletes were allowed to choose 6-9 candidates and following Arad who scored 30 votes. were Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman and Yoav Bruck on 29 and Alex Tripolski oo 23.

Badminton: Lior Pugach and Svetlana Silberman won the men and women's national titles in Tel Aviv last week. It was the third time for Pugach who beat Paz Ben Sira 15-2, 15-12 in the final and the sixth for Silberman who defeated Esther Kaufman 11-4, 11-4.

Athletics: Maccabi Netanya's relay team of Rafi Ya'ar, Shmuel Epstein, Tommy Kfir and Kfir Golan won the national relay championship title, setting a new record in the process. In the 4x200 meters, the foursome finished in 1:27.99, knocking 24-hundredths of a second off Hapoel Jerusalem's previous time. The team also won the 4x100m in 41:76 seconds.

Skydiving: Boaz Goren, accompanied by photographer Yoav Gabbai, seized first place in the national championships held off

Habonim Beach. Goren performed Hamaccabiah, each on 36 points, six jumps - three compulsory, and three to boast his imagination and daring in air. Gabbai and Goren, who both trained with a Saudi Arabian instructor in the US, then exchanged roles to take second place.

Also airbound and flying into fourth place was Galit Tshuva, the only woman skydiver in the compe-Tennis: Oren Motevassel, after

reaching the semi-finals of the Eisenberg Jerusalem Open last week, now occupies the 185 spot on the ATP Tour rankings, 47 places behind Eyal Ran's 138. In third place Eyal Erlich on 202 with Raviv Weidenfeld on 238 and Nir Welgreen on 274.

Golf: The perfect conditions of Caesarea Golf Club's fairways and greens made for good scores in Friday's better-ball stableford competition. Finishing with 45 stableford points

were three teams but the better-backnine system pushed Dick Fogelson and Sam Federman into first place. Second were Koren Kobi and Yosef German with Yoram Arbel and Moshe Shapira third.

Fourth to sixth places, all on 44 points were Dan Levron and Patrik Hamo, Gideon Golan and Kobi Rogovin and Shmuel Hochberg and Nathan Solski.

Bowls: As the Wingate Fives tournament reaches its conclusion, leaders Ramat Gan have been forced to share their overall lead with Kfar with one week left to decide the overall winner.

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Ramat Gan won the pairs and trips against Ra'anana who won the sin-gles and fours but the Kfar had a clean sweep of all four games against Ramat Hasharon to jump to the top of the log. The Kfar has already won the pairs

title while the singles will be a contest between Ra'anana and the Kfar. The trips are jointly led by Ramat Gan and the Kfar with Ramat Gan ahead in the fours. Cricket: In the second week of the

league, Tel Aviv scored 229 for nine against Lions Lod's 139 all out with Stanley Perlman helping Tel Aviv with 85. Also in the first division. Yeruham

scored 283/8, with N. Vaskar making 96, beating Beersheba's 235/9. Petah Tikva beat Dimona, scoring 22] against 182.

Ramle, with N. Reuben Jur's 73, 6made 162/6 against the Eleven Stars' 123 in the second division and Lod, with 79/4, had the upper hand over Kiryat Gat's 78 all out.

Fixtures this week are Lions Lod against Yeruham at Hadar Yosef and Young Ashdod versus Netanya in Ashdod in the first division with Dimona C hosting Petah Tikva and Beersheba B hosting Dimona A in the second division.

Sports Editors: Joseph Hollman . and Ori Lewis

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#### RATES

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MICHAEL AIZENSTADT The Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra performs Yehezkel Braun's horn concerto with Michael Slatkin as soloist. The program also features Mozart's Requiem. Music director Yuval Zaliouk is on the podium tonight, tomorrow and Saturday (9) in Ra'anana. The Druid priestess who defiled her vestal honor and chose love instead returns to the Mann Auditorium tomorrow night as Alessandra Marc sings Bellini's Norma in concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

CLASSICAL MUSIC

under the baton of Pinchas Steinberg. Barbara Dever is Adalgisa and Alberto Cupido sings Pollione. Tomorrow (8:30) and Sunday (7). The Jerusalem Rubin Music Academy marks the 100th anniversary of Brahms's death with two concerts devoted to the composer's piano music. Tonight (8:30) pianists Michael Bugosłavsky, Isser Slonim, Eitan Globerson

and duo pianists Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir perform while next Wednesday it is Liora Ziv Li, Allan Sternfield, Irina Berkovich and Bruce Levy who play Brahms. Both concerts are at Hall 221 of the Academy in Jerusalem.

#### DEBATES

HELEN KAYE

Sci-fi devotees can get a jolt of reality when the newly formed Israel Science Fiction Association holds its first debate, on "Genetic Engineering -Reality versus Literature." The panel includes association chairman and translator Emanuel Lotem and Hebrew University professor Hermona Shuruk. Tonight at Tzavta Tel Aviv at 8 p.m. (Hebrew)

The penultimate Emile Habibi Debate deals with "The Press - 8 Bridge of Paper," asking to what extent the Israeli press is instrumental in building bridges between Arab and Jewish cultures. The panel includes journalists from the Israeli and Arab press. Tonight at the Jerusalem Khan at 8:30 (Hebrew)

#### FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\*1/2 THE ENGLISH PATIENT - A respectably made bit of high-class kitsch, a sometimes moving, often rather silly love story set in a series of exotic locales. The basic outline - a flashback-filled romance, set in the Sahara and northern



Barbara Dever stars in the IPO's concert version of Bellini's 'Norma.'

> Italy before, during and just after World War II - is that of the original novelist Michael Ondaatje, Bul 8 floridly picturesque look, grand, sandy landscapes, a dripping symphonic score and an unabashedly swoony approach to the doomed lovers at its center render Anthony Minghelle's Oscar-winning film a tribute to the golden old Hollywood of Casablanca and Lawrence of Arabia. At two hours and 40 minutes, it's much too long. With Ralph Fiennes, Kristin Scott Thomas and Juliene Binoche. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for chil-

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ELANA CHIPMAN

Few will dispute the fact that Seinfeld changed the face of American comedy. Yet it took time for andiences to get used to the unconventional concept. The cast has not changed in the five seasons it's been running, and Jerry Seinfeld, Julia Louis-Drevfus, Jason Alexander and Michael Richards have only improved with time. For those who never got to see the first seasons, or for those addicts who will watch them all over again, Channel 3 is to screen the first four seasons of this landmark show every night, Sunday through Thursday at 11.

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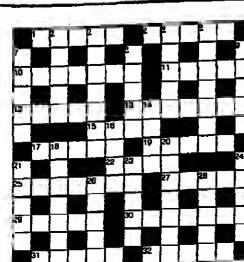
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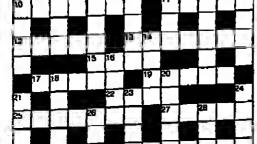
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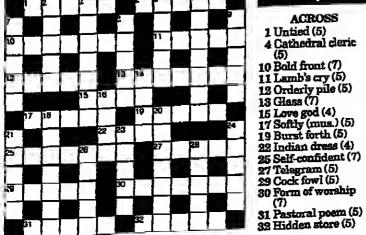
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## Israel: Naval exercises with Turkey on

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Israeli defense officials and the Turkish military have denied claims by Turkey's Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan that the joins naval maneuvers planned between Israel, Turkey and the US for this summer have been postponed for years.

In Ankara, Erbakan, whose pro-Islamic Welfare party vigorously opposes relations with Israel, emerged from a meeting with a visiting Iraqi justice minister and

told journalists that the maneuvers "are postponed to coming years." The announcement came just a week after Israeli, Turkish and American officers concluded an agreement to hold joint naval maneuvers in the Mediterranean this summer. The exercises were to be of a humanitarian nature and focus on search and rescue procedures.

"The joint cooperation between Israel and Turkey, including the naval exercise, is a common interest of both countries,"

reaction to the report.

"Until this moment, Israel has not received any information or an official announcement to postpone the maneuvers," Benyahu said. In Turkey, military officials also

ponement of the exercises planned for this summer. "Such a delay can only be decided joint-

denied that there was to be any post-

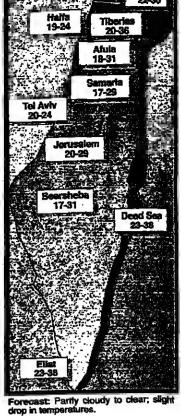
the Associated Press.

Mordechai has placed great importance on the joint maneuvers, soliciting the US to participate. He has said he believes the naval exercise would serve as a show of stability and strength in the eastern Mediterranean that would help quell potential dangers.

Erbakan's surprise statement came just a week after the deputy chief of staff of

said Avi Benyahu, media adviser for Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, in unidentified Turkish military official told 23-member delegation to Tel Aviv. where Israel and Turkey laid down the groundwork for the strategic cooperation

between the two countries. Last month, the Turkisb Parliament ratified a pact expected to quadruple bilateral trade to \$2 billion by the year 2000. Israel Aircraft Industries is currently upgrading 54 of Turkey's F-4 fighter jets in a deal worth over \$600 million and other military deals are in the works.



AROUND THE WORLD



#### Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's Chance drawings, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, eight of hearts, queen of diamonds and queen of clubs; and the 10 of spades, eight of hearts, ace of diamonds and queen of clubs.

In yesterday's weekly Lotto draw, the winning numbers were 7, 9, 17, 19, 23, and 38 and the

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### 5 more 'Russian mafia' workers held

By RAINE MARCUS

Five people suspected of working for an alleged "Russian mafia" head, Zvi Ben-Ari (aka Gregory Lemer), were remanded yesterday by Petah Tikva Magistrale's Court on suspicion of involvement in \$85 million in bank fraud, possession of arms, conspiracy to murder, and

Ben-Ari, 46, was arrested early Monday and remanded later that day for six days on suspicion of murder, conspiracy to murder. money laundering, bank fraud. for-eign currency offenses and other crimes.

The Serious Crimes Squad has for nearly a year been investigating Ben-Ari, who changed his name when he immigrated here.

Ben-Ari has luxurious offices in Tel Aviv. One of his companies here, which according to police was used for laundering money earned from international criminal activities, promised clients, especially foreign citizens, "impossibly high" interest on investments.

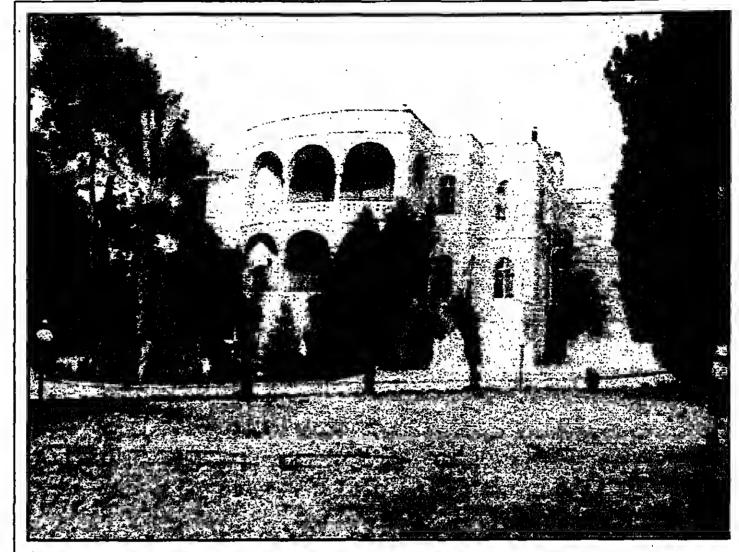
Five of his employees, Natalya Lujanskia, Ilana Rubinstein, Felix Heimsky, Victor Fabrik and Fabel Slumiansky, all residents of Ashkelon and, suspected by police of being involved in serious crimes, were remanded yesterday for six days.

Rubinstein is the widow of a member of the Russian mafia who was murdered in Russia over a year ago. According to the National Crimes Squad, they were paid high bonuses out of money earned by Ben-Ari's fraud scams in Russia and in Europe. During a search of their homes police confiscated a hunting rifle with telescopic sight, \$500,000 in cash, NIS 65,000, two forged passports, satellite phones and nine computers.

Ben-Ari was arrested at I a.m. Monday at Ben-Gurion Airport as he was about to board a plane to the US. Police believe the millionaire is responsible for the murder of a banker in Russia, a \$85 million fraud scam there, the attempted nurder of a banker and others in Europe and Russia and other related crimes.

A TV program around six months ago showed the affluent lifestyle of the newly rich millionaire, who claimed to have earned his fortune by hard work. However, he has been under surveillance for nearly a year, and police also gathered information from Russia and the US.

Ben-Ari allegedly transferred his fortune from company to company, here and abroad. He is considered one of the richest men in Israel, owning six villas. He immigrated here in 1989, and was arrested in Switzerland in 1991, by request of Russian police, on suspicion of extortion. He was imprisoned and then released. Now police here believe they have arrested one of the most powerful and dangerous heads of the



The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem's (ICEJ) new international headquarters in the German Colony, is to open officially tomorrow. The embassy moved to the larger facility to prepare for the many Christian tourists expected in 2000. (ICEA)

### Former Ethiopian immigrant security agents demand compensation

By LIAT COLLINS

Several Ethiopian immigrants who worked there for Israeli security agencies before their that the authorities recognize

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their work and compensate them. Stern and Ezra agreed to help

liaise between the immigrants and the security establishment.
Uzi Landau (Likud), chairman of arrested in Ethiopia. They were the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) and Defense Committee, also report-Gideon Ezra (Likud) to request edly promised that the sub-committee on secret services would

Some of the immigrants, who worked there in in two groups in not paid for their work helping others emigrate to Israel and have not received any recognition or compensation here.

Ze'ev Kasso, a spokesman for the group, told the MKs: "The fact that the establishment has ignored the emigration activists has caused them mental anguish and in some cases caused the break-up of their families. It's absolutely inconceivable that the establishment should sbirk responsibility for these people, who saved nearly 30,000 Jews from death."

Stern said the affair raised questions about the relationship between the secret services and those they operate. "I fear they acı differently toward those they mobilize abroad, and treat them as foreigners. They would not behave this way to an Israeli

## Local authorities on strike today

J'lem, TA, Haifa, Beersheba, Rishon Lezion excluded

By DAVID HARRIS

country begin strike action today in all services other than education, as they step up their opposition to what they see as the lack of funding from the central gov-

It is anticipated that some 10 authorities will not take part in the strike, including Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beersheba, and Risbon Lezion,

The situation is unacceptable and catastrophic, according to Union of Local Authorities (ULA) chairman Adi Eldar. The current overall deficit of the local authorities stands at NIS 4 billion, and in both April and May workers at dozens of authorities

have oot been paid. The decision to strike was taken following a meeting yesterday afternoon among senior ULA officials, Interior Minister Eli Suissa, and Finance Minister Dan Meridor. The local authori-

ties are demanding an initial NIS 2b. this year, to be followed by a further NIS 2b. over the next two years.

"The money we are demanding now isn't going into the mayors' pockets, but straight to the people who use our services," said Eldar. "If Meridor doesn't change his approach, he'll bave to decide, do we leave garbage on the floor, or close classrooms. 'While the authorities' cam-

paign is more than justified, the struggle should not be implemented through strikes, that punish local residents," said Rishon Lezion Mayor Meir Nitzan. Instead, he is suggesting the local authorities turn to the legal system for help.

The monitoring committee of the Israeli Arab leadership mei in Shfaram vesterday to disense the plight of the debi-ridden Arab councils.

The 53 Arab councils have accumulated debts totalling



Adi Eldar

some NIS 450 million and several have been unable to pay their workers, some for a number of months.

The monitoring committee, comprising Arab MKs, council heads, and leading public figures, a general strike of the Arab sector beginning with a sbutdown of municipal services and closure of ali schools. It was decided, bowever, in view of the scheduled ULA

had been due to consider calls for

strike, not to take any independent action for the time being.

Meanwhile, two other groups are also staging strike action commencing this week or next. Junior academic staff at Tel Aviv. Haifa. Bar-Ilan, and Hebrew universities walked off the job yesterday, after failure to reach agreement with management on a new wage agreement. No time limit has been placed on the stop-

Some 2,000 district nurses in 500 health centers across the country will begin industrial action next Tuesday. This follows disagreement between the Health Ministry and municipalities over their employment.

David Rudge and Itim contributed to this report.

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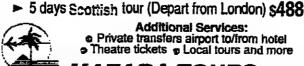
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### Non-Orthodox conversions abroad not accepted – petition

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Interior Ministry has over the past few months refused to recognize non-Orthodox conversions carried out abroad, a perition to the High Court of Justice charged yesterday.

The petition was filed on behalf of two families whose adopted children were converted abroad and the Movement for Progressive Judaism, by the Israel Religious Action Center and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel.

The Milstein family adopted a baby boy in Uzbekistan, the petition says, and applied to the Beersheba Rabbinate to arrange his conversion immediately after returning to Israel. There they were sold that the conversion was conditional on a commitment from the parents that their son would observe a religious lifestyle.

The parents were warned that the child would be checked at the age of six or seven and, if be was not religious, the conversion would be canceled. With the belp of the move-

ment, the Milsteins bad their son converted in the Reform religious court in London. They

then applied to the ministry to register him as a Jew. The ministry, the petition says, recognized him as an Israeli citizen but refused to register him as a

The second child, a baby girl, was adopted by the Magen family in Guatemala and they took her to London where she also underwent a Reform conversion. As in the previous case, the petilion says, the ministry refused to recognize the conver-

The petition refers to a 1989 precedent in which the High Court of Justice ruled that the ministry must register as Jewish any immigrant who can prove that he has converted abroad, whether in a Reform, Conservative or Orthodox ceremony. In the case of a minor, it is sufficient for the parents to declare that the child will be brought up as a Jew and for a

boy to bave a brit mila. In 1990, another case was brought to the court and the court again ruled that a non-Orthodox conversion abroad had to be accepted by the miniatry.

The peurion requests that the court therefore order the ministry to abide by its earlier ruling.

### Hizbullah steps up war against SLA

By DAVID RUDGE

Hizbullah is intensifying its psychological war against the South Lebanese Army, despite the failure of its attempt on Monday to capture the SLA's Soujud position in the eastern sector of the security zone. At least four of its gunmen were

killed and several others wounded

in the assault, which was repulsed by the SLA troops manning the post with the aid of the IDF. Nevertheless, Hizbullah, which bas so far only officially announced the death of one fighter, yesterday tried to portray the

operation as a success. Hizbullah television said the assault units had called on SLA soldiers in two firing positions to surrender, but instead they started shooting and had to be eliminated. Four SLA soldiers were wounded in the attack as well as an IDF sol-

The organization's radio station maintained that the attack had shown that the "Zionist promises. that they were fully supporting the [SLA] collaborators and providing them with the latest gear" were empty and that the SLA troops were being used as "sandbags." No mention was made of the fact that the attackers retreated, leaving the bodies of gunmen killed in the battlefield.

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